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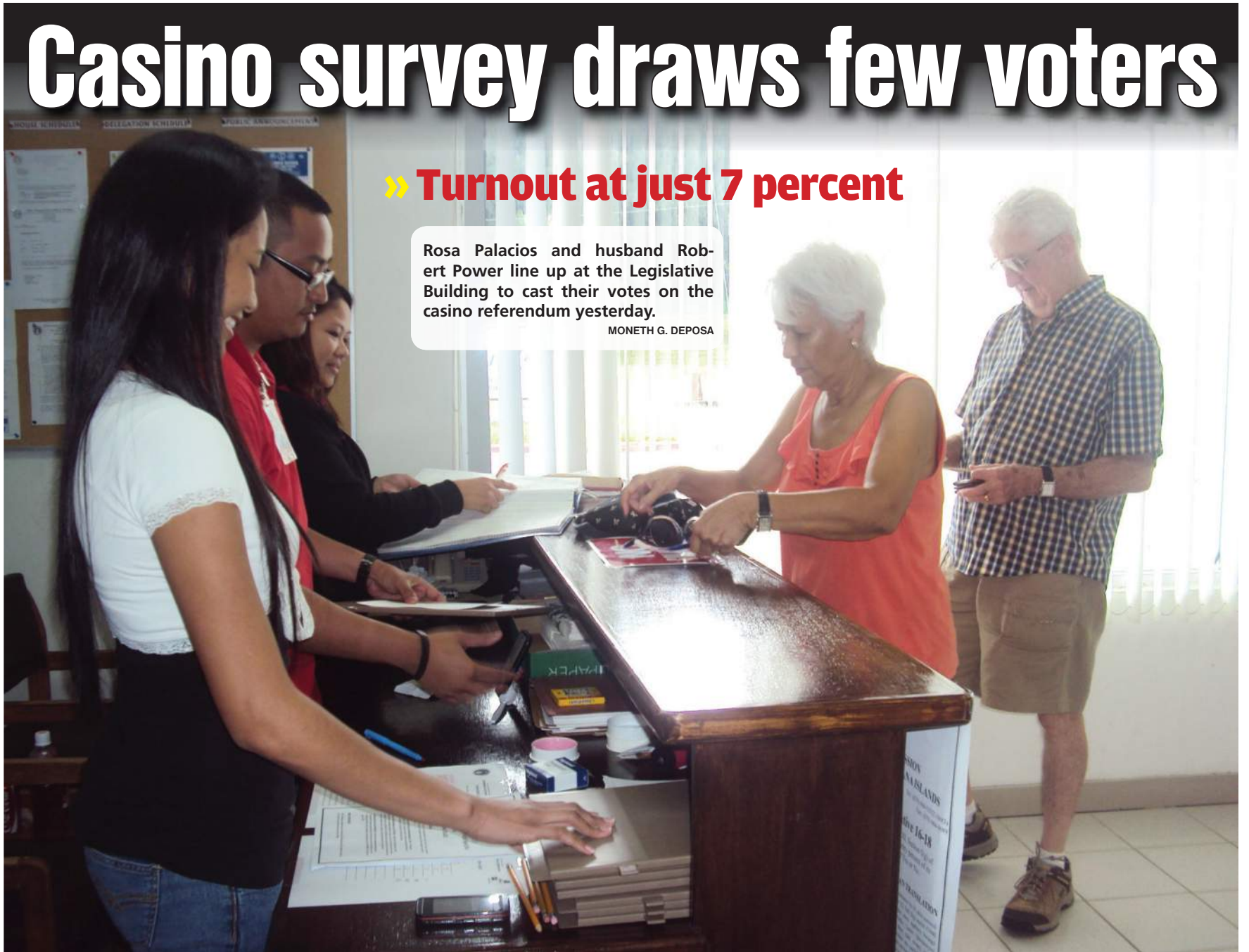
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» Turnout at just 7 percent

Rosa Palacios and husband Robert Power line up at the Legislative Building to cast their votes on the casino referendum yesterday.

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Saipan voters do not seem interested in participating in any casino survey following the very low turnout in yesterday's referendum conducted by students of the Northern Marianas College.

Camacho confirmed to Superior Court

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Camacho

The Senate confirmed attorney Joseph James N. Camacho's nomination to become the newest associate judge at the CNMI Superior Court during a short session yesterday on Capital Hill.

The former House floor leader and government prosecutor replaces Ramona V. Manglona,

now chief judge of the District Court of the NMI, and joins current associate judges Perry Inos, Kenneth Govendo, and David Wiseman and Presiding Judge Robert Naraja on the Superior Court bench.

Dressed in his usual white long sleeves, black trousers, and red tie, Camacho appeared calm and collected but nodded each time the eight senators

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Based on the official count at each polling site, only 679 registered voters cast their ballots at the NMC campus, Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center, Legislative building, and Kagman Community Center yesterday. Early voters,

meantime, totaled 162.

Saipan has a total of 12,527 registered voters based on Commonwealth Election Commission records. The numbers show

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Maintenance worker for 26 years set to be deported

» Now on wheelchair, worker begs to be taken to hospital
» Appeals reconsideration of his removal

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A Filipino maintenance worker who has been on Saipan for 26 years now has been in detention after Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested him last month when he did not appear at his immigration hearing due to confusion about his hearing date.

Elpedio Macaraeg has been begging

to be taken to the hospital as his legs are swelling due to arthritis, according to Rene Reyes, founding president of the Marianas Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd., or MAHAL.

"When I visited him at the detention facility I felt sorry for him because he could not walk and was on a wheelchair," Reyes said.

The MAHAL president said that ICE

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Fitial says he will be vindicated for vetoing casino bill

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Gov. Benigno R. Fitial is just fine with the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation taking him to court for his veto of the local Saipan casino bill, House Local Bill 17-44.

"That's up to them and I think what they're trying to obtain from the courts is a declaratory relief to let the courts make a determination if they are willing to make one," said Fitial.

In the end, Fitial said he believes he will be vindicated because he was only following what it written in the CNMI

Constitution.

"I'm OK with that [lawsuit] because I think what I did was the right thing because any local law that is enacted by, for example by the Third Senatorial Delegation, that law cannot be applicable to Tinian or Rota. The Constitution is very clear: Gambling is prohibited in the CNMI unless it's provided for by CNMI law. That lawsuit is good because that would only reconfirm my position," he said.

Rep. Joseph M. Palacios (R-Saipan) filed the lawsuit in Superior Court.

As for the Northern Marianas College survey that asked peo-

ple on Saipan if they want casino gambling legalized or not, Fitial feels the whole exercise would've worked better if it was sanctioned by the Senate.

"I don't want to speak on the merit of the survey because I don't have sufficient information. That survey could mean a lot of things but the bottom line is that it should've been sanctioned by the Senate as a whole," he said.

Fitial said the more proper avenue for the Saipan casino question is through either a legislative initiative or popular initiative.

"That's only a class assignment. It doesn't have the force and effect of law but it can be an

indicator. ...The more important thing is for people to make that determination through a legislative initiative or a popular initiative," he said.

Senate President Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), meanwhile, thanked the NMC students and their teacher, Sam McPheters, for conducting the Saipan casino poll yesterday. "While this it is not binding on the Legislature, I think...we need to hear from our people, especially since people twice already voted against casino so we want to gauge the sentiment," he said.

Manglona also reiterated his promise that the Senate "will seri-

ously take into consideration the result of this election" in their decision whether to approve or not a Saipan casino bill that would be introduced by the House.

"I know our economy is in bad shape and I know this is an option that's being put on the table. We need to look at everything on the table and look at it. But the sentiment of the people is still paramount in our consideration," he said.

The author of yet another Saipan casino bill being crafted at the lower chamber, Rep. Ralph S. Demapan (Cov-Saipan), said he's about ready to introduce the measure.

"Again the bill has been finalized and drafted. I'm just making sure that all Commonwealth codes are in place and the right language for each provision. As soon as these are in place, I will

seriously consider introducing it because we need to spark economic recovery. ...As soon as it is in place, I will present it to our members for action," he said.

Rep. Ramon Basa (Cov-Saipan) said he hopes that when Demapan's bill is introduced and passes the House, the Senate will have a change of heart and approve the revenue-generating measure.

"The reality is those supporting casinos are doing it because our economy is really hurting. If we don't find a new industry to come in and infuse the needed capital we will be facing an even worse time this coming year. If that happens we may end up laying off people. Some government employees will have to pay for it. The point is, those who are opposed to casino, what's their alternative? If they think that's not going to work here, what are they offering?" he asked.

Expansion of MHS theater space OK'd

From a three classroom-size space, the Marianas High School theater class will now have a bigger venue for its productions and programs after Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan approved relocating the program to a much bigger area that could accommodate up to 200 students daily.

MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera said that Sablan has approved the renovation of the school's warehouse where separate function rooms will be built: the instruction room, the costume room, and the main stage for all its productions.

Handled by long-time educator Harold Easton, the MHS theater class has produced talents who continue to represent

the CNMI in national thespian competitions and bring honor to Commonwealth public schools.

Cabrera said the relocation was the result of the PSS central office moving to its campus, taking up about 14 classrooms, including that of the theater class.

"Mr. Easton was very pleased with the commissioner's decision because he has now a huge space with his own dedicated stage," said Cabrera.

Construction is now ongoing. According to Cabrera, the facility, which would be made up of metal, will be appropriate for theater production. Some special installations will also be done to improve sound. (Mon-eth G. Deposa)

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No grand celebration this year for Education Day

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Due to financial constraints, the Public School System and the Board of Education will just highlight the achievements and progress of its students and teachers this Education Month without the traditional grand celebration.

Charlotte Camacho, Education Day committee chairperson and principal of Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School, told *Saipan Tribune* that the announcement of the overall winners will also be done at a later date, after the designated Education Day on Nov. 23.

However, individual schools will still hold special events at their campuses where education awardees will be presented to parents and community members, Camacho said.

She said that PSS has been doing the celebration without fanfare for two years now due to the limited resources and funding for public schools.

Also, no monetary awards will be given to this year's overall winners except for the overall Teacher of the Year awardee who will be given the opportunity to travel to the U.S. mainland to participate in the national competition and meet with U.S. President Barack Obama.

This year's award categories include Teacher of

the Year, Teacher Aide of the Year, Administrative Staff of the Year, Maintenance Support Staff of the Year, Principal of the Year, Vice Principal of the Year, Counselor of the Year, Instructor of the Year, Librarian of the Year, and Related Services Provider of the Year. PSS honors its outstanding employees in various categories each year.

According to Camacho, November has always been a special occasion for all educators on the islands because it's the season when teachers and school staff are honored for their contributions toward the education of students.

Camacho also announced yesterday the winners of the essay, logo, and theme contests conducted

by PSS last month.

Hailed winners of the logo competition are 9th grader Nina Valerio of Marianas High School, first place; 8th grader Patrick Agustin of Hopwood Junior High, second place; and 9th grader Milagro King of MHS, third place.

For the theme contest, adjudged first place winner is 5th grader Jerlyn Singeo of Oleai Elementary School with her entry, "Education: Shaping our life, our world, and our future." Named second place winner is Dayna Cabrera, 5th grader from William S. Reyes Elementary School; and third placer Autumn Camacho, 4th grader from GTC.

For the essay contest, two students bagged the first place award: WSR sixth grader Stephen Carino for the elementary level and Hopwood's 8th grader Hannah Hofschneider for the secondary level.

Woman in driver's license scam gets 2-year probation

The federal court yesterday imposed a two-year probation sentence on one of five persons involved in a driver's license scam at the Department of Public Safety's Bureau of Motor Vehicle.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered Tahira Dolores Selepeo Miah to comply with conditions, including performing 100 hours of community service and paying \$25 in special assessment fee.

Manglona dismissed the in-

dictment that charged Miah with three counts as part of the plea bargain.

The judge noted that the defendant's actions in this case implicated the public's safety but when she realized that what she did was unlawful, she immediately assisted law enforcement in the investigation and cooperated with the government.

Manglona said she agrees with the recommendation by the U.S. government and defense counsel G. Anthony Long that probation is the appropriate sentence for Miah.

Last June, Miah pleaded

guilty to conspiracy to unlawfully produce and transfer an identification document.

The other co-defendants are Miah's former husband, Mohammad Jahangir Miah, DPS Bureau of Motor Vehicles' former supervisor William A. Hocog, Hongmei Sun, and Hui Qiang Yan. All defendants pleaded guilty.

According to the U.S. government, Sun and Yan introduced foreign nationals as driver's license applicants to the Miah couple in order for the applicants to illegally obtain driver's licenses with the help of Hocog. *(Ferdie de la Torre)*

Judge recuses self from lawsuit vs Rota hotel

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona recused herself yesterday from a court action filed by the U.S. government against Rota Coconut Village Hotel for alleged federal tax liabilities amounting to \$148,347.65.

Manglona said that her husband, Associate Justice John A. Manglona, are related to some of the Rota hotel's minority shareholders.

Because they have an interest that could be substantially

affected by the outcome of the litigation, Manglona said she must disqualify herself from participating in the case.

The judge directed the district court's clerk to refer the matter to Chief Judge Alex Kozinski of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for reassignment to another judge.

In the lawsuit filed last September, U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division lawyer Lauren M. Castaldi stated that Rota Coconut Village Hotel "has neglected, refused, or failed to pay [the tax] assessments" despite timely de-

mandd for payment.

As of Sept. 26, 2011, Castaldi said, there remains due and owing to the U.S. a total of \$148,347.65, plus interest and other statutory additions.

Castaldi said that on July 17, 2001, the Internal Revenue Service sent a notice to the hotel that a notice of federal tax lien had been filed against it for its Form 941 tax liabilities for the last quarter of 1997, all four quarters of 1998, the first, second, and third quarters of 1999, and all four quarters of 2000; and for the statutory penalty for 1997.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Lt. Kevin Aldan on Marianas Agupa today

Today, Nov. 5, 2011, Marianas Agupa will feature Lt. Kevin Aldan a member of the Domestic Violence Coalition and DPS/Fire Public Awareness Program, between 10am and 10:30am. The show is from 9am to 11am on Magic 100.3 FM.

The Chamorro radio talk show program is hosted by Glenn H. Manglona. Featured reports are: World report and program review by former mayor Joseph S. Inos, a report from Rota by Thomas D. Mendiola, a special segment called Hafa Mohon with Juanita Mendiola and a report from Tinian by David M. Cing. Simultaneous Internet streaming via www.magic100radio.com will be available. *(PR)*

Beautify Kagman High today

Kagman High School will be hosting a beautification campaign today, Nov. 5, 2011, from 9am to 3pm at the school campus. The next campus cleanup is on Nov. 19, 2011. For more information, call PTSA secretary Miss Gina at 237-3887. *(PR)*

Parents Take Over Day at MHS

Marianas High School will join thousands of school nationwide in celebrating the 90th Annual American Education Week on Nov. 13-19. As part of this celebration, MHS will be having a Parent Take Over Day on Friday, Nov. 18, to provide parents a firsthand look at what the school day is like for their child. For more information, call the school at 237-3206 by Nov. 14, 2011. *(PR)*



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Francisco L. Kaipat, (collectively "Trustor"), on or about February 21, 2001 gave and delivered to the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation, formerly known as the Mariana Island Housing Authority ("Trustee"), acting on behalf of the Department of Veterans Affairs, United States of America, ("VA"), a Deed of Trust upon certain real property hereinafter described, which Deed of Trust was recorded on February 26, 2001 under Document No. 01-268 to secure payment of a Promissory Note of the Trustor to the Trustee, acting on behalf of the VA.

The Deed of Trust and this Notice of Sale affect the property hereafter described:

LOT NO. 128 D 51, (formerly known as part of Lot 018 D 57), containing an area of 620 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 128 D 00 the original of which was recorded 07 DEC 99 as Document No. 99-2896 at Commonwealth Recorder's, Saipan.

The Trustor has defaulted on payment of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust, and by reason of said default Trustee issued its Amended Notice of Default on September 21, 2011. More than thirty days have passed since the default notice was served on Trustor and said default has not been cured.

Pursuant to 2CMC §4622(b)(2), NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, Trustee will, on **Monday, December 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., at the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation's office in Garapan, Saipan** under power of sale contained in the Deed of Trust, sell the above described parcel of real property at public auction to the highest qualified bidder, to satisfy the obligations secured by said Deed of Trust. **The minimum bid offer shall be not less than \$70,504.00 the total amount due under the VA loan.**

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CAMACHO

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present said “yes” to his confirmation.

All eight senators—Senate President Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), Vice President Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan), and Sens. Jovita M. Taimanao (Ind-Rota), Juan M. Ayuyu (Ind-Rota), Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), Henry H.

San Nicolas (Cov-Tinian), and Ralph DL Torres (R-Saipan) all affirmed his confirmation. Sen. Luis P. Crisostimo (D-Saipan) was excused.

The gallery, packed with Camacho’s friends and family members, erupted in applause after Manglona announced Camacho’s confirmation.

Camacho, an alumnus of Gonzaga University School of Law and has a private law practice, said he will “do my very best and work hard to be a fair

and impartial judge and carry out the intent of the law and make my rulings based on the law with understanding, temperance, and compassion.”

Camacho said he is also aware of the recent epidemic of crime on Saipan and will do his part to find a solution.

“Part of the role of being a judge is to incarcerate those that have been rightly convicted after going through due process but at the same time we must temper our sentence to rehabili-

tate so that when they come out from the Department of Corrections they can be productive members of our community,” he said.

The former police officer, who also worked as driver, bus boy, and pizza delivery boy in his youth, said his confirmation is a very special moment and the culmination of a very long process.

“Like I said during the hearing, they don’t have a factory where you go and become a lawyer. Most people go to school. I worked to go to college. I worked when I was in law school and I hope I can bring some of that experience and share that [at the Superior Court]...I’ve been a police officer and a prosecutor so it was my job to bring people to jail. I’ve also been a defense counsel so it was also my job to bring people out of jail. Having the ability to see a case from both sides gives me an ability to be fair and be more understanding,” said Camacho.

Fitial thanked the Senate for their confirmation of Camacho and said that he always had faith in his nephew.

“I nominated him because of temperament. I’ve noticed him since he came back when he graduated and got his law degree and he started working...he seems to always engage his brain before his mouth. That’s what I like about him. He’s very fair and I think he will continue espousing that great asset of being fair,” said Fitial.

The islands’ chief executive said Camacho’s ascension to the Superior Court bench couldn’t have come at a better time since it has been backlogged with cases ever since Ramona V. Manglona was elevated to the District Court.

“That’s the first court trial and they have a lot of backlogged cases. A lot of times the court will defer to outside counsel because they don’t have enough lawyers but I believe with the replacement of former judge Mona Manglona, the cases that have been backlogged in Superior Court will be resolved,” said Fitial who sat beside Senate President Manglona throughout Camacho’s confirmation.

The new associate judge said he is thankful for Fitial’s confidence and his nomination to the Superior Court and extended his appreciation to the Senate, especially to the Committee on Executive Appointments and Government Investigations and its chairman, Sen. Cruz.

He also thanked his wife, NMI Retirement Fund legal counsel Viola Alepuyo, and the rest of his family and supporters for encouraging him throughout the nomination process.

“Hopefully some day I would like to aspire to become a fulltime farmer and part-time fisherman when the weather is good. But for the meantime, at least the next six years, with the blessing of God and support from family and friends I will do my best and work hard to be as fair a judge as I could be,” said Camacho.

Like yesterday, Camacho’s confirmation hearing Thursday saw the Senate chamber packed by well-wishers, some of whom spoke about the latter’s qualifications to become the next associate judge.

NMI Retirement Fund executive director Richard Vilagomez said he supports Camacho’s nomination because “Joe has always been about the law. First as a police officer, then as a lawyer, and now he’s being nominated to interpret the law.”

Herman R. Deleon Guerrero, a former senator, meanwhile, said he has known Camacho since he was little boy and asked the Senate to approve his nomination.

Former attorney general Matthew Gregory, for his part, said he has never met a lawyer more enthused in taking part in trials than Camacho.

“He’s an experienced trial attorney and that is less common than you might think in the Commonwealth. He is somebody that goes to trial and enjoys trials, enjoys the process. Now when you become a judge you’ll be in a lot of trials and this is a man who enjoys it and who’s good at what he does, tailor-made to be a judge. He’s a man who is passionate about the law and enjoys what he does,” he said.



MARK RABAGO

Newly confirmed Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho, seated right, poses with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial, seated left, and members of the Senate led by Senate President Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota), second from left standings, after his confirmation by the upper chamber yesterday in Capital Hill.

CASINO

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that only 7 percent—a total of 841 voters—participated in the survey.

Czarina Jucutan, the class’ central committee chairperson, expressed disappointment with the turnout, saying they were hoping for a higher number.

Among Kagman’s over 2,000 registered voters, only 146 went to the polling station. At the legislative building, only 72 voters showed up out of the 600 registered voters.

Jucutan said the Multi-Purpose Center polling site yielded the highest voter turnout, with 241, while the NMC polling site had 220.

The class produced 8,000 ballots for the referendum, which aimed to gauge public opinion about allowing casinos on the island. The results, however, are nonbinding and will merely be used to guide lawmakers on future policy actions related to casinos.

NMC Current Issues class instructor Sam McPhetres told *Saipan Tribune* that he was “unfortunately not surprised” by the outcome, citing past experiences in actual elections where turnouts are low and unsatisfactory whenever the contest does not involve persons running for public office.

He said the low turnout may also be due to the “real arguments” between supporters and opponents of casinos on Saipan.

Some lawmakers have earlier criticized the referendum, saying that the effort only aims to please the desire of the Senate. The referendum was done at the request of Senate President Paul Manglona and Sen. Ralph Torres.

“Well, I can only say that the students were asked by the Senate president and one lawmaker to do it. We wanted to make sure that it is run exactly the same as the registered election and the Elec-

tion Commission is extremely helpful in providing the students the rules, guidelines, and equipment to carry this out properly. What we are conducting is the same thing, the same process done in official election. They cannot fault us in terms of the conduct,” McPhetres told *Saipan Tribune*.

Many voters who took part in the survey expressed opposition to the establishment of casinos on island.

Donna Flores, a Garapan resident, said she voted no because she is not convinced that a casino is the answer to the declining state of the island.

“I voted no because I feel that there are other ways that we can revive the economy besides bringing in casinos and gambling. If we clean our backyards first, take care of ourselves, then we fix our island...it’s possible,” she said after casting her vote at the Multi-Purpose Center.

Rosa T. Palacios was also opposed to casinos, believing it will create more problems than help the community. She said she has witnessed many people becoming addicted to playing poker, forcing their relatives to give them money for their poker activity, and resulting in problems for their families.

“I am going to be really sad once they vote yes for this casino plan. Our community is very small and I believe, because of the pressure it will [have on] young people, crime rate will go up,” she said.

A Chalan Kiya resident, Tasia Bocado, was also vocal in her opposition to casinos. “I voted no because I don’t think it will help in the education of our children. We have enough poker problems and because of this casino, there will be families breaking up, children being neglected, and money being spent,” she said.

Minor problems

At the legislative building, site man-

ager Grace Espinosa said that they encountered some minor problems such as confusion among voters on where to cast their votes. She said they rejected over 10 voters and referred them to their proper precincts.

As of 2:40pm yesterday, Espinosa’s group only had 54 voters out of the 600-plus registered voters in area.

Espinosa said the low turnout may be due to some voters perceiving the activity as “just a survey” and a “waste of their time and effort.”

Yesterday was also Citizenship Day, a holiday, but that did not help boost the community’s participation in the survey.

At the Multi-Purpose Center, more than 20 voters were turned away and referred to their proper precinct for voting. Site manager Lilia Lizama told *Saipan Tribune* that as of 3:05pm, only 183 of the 1,747 registered voters have cast their votes.

At Kagman Community Center, site manager Addy Manahane recorded only 138 voters as of 4:40pm—just a few minutes before the voting booths were to close at 5pm. Based on CEC record, Kagman has 2,336 registered voters.

According to McPhetres, the group did its part in educating the community about the casino referendum. He cited the regular and numerous media publicities in local newspapers, television, and radio, in addition to the flyers, posters, and information campaign they conducted before referendum day.

He said it’s just that “frustrating” that “a lot of people are not paying attention.” McPhetres revealed that many people also criticized them for not providing voters with the pros and cons of the casino issue, which he said is not part of their function and objective.

“They are the ones who need to decide the pros and cons on this issue. They have been spoon-fed for so long,” he told *Saipan Tribune*.

WORKER

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agents informed Macaraeg on Thursday that his airline ticket is now ready and that he should prepare for his deportation to the Philippines on Monday.

Reyes wonders why Macaraeg will be deported when in fact there is already a pending motion to re-open the removal proceedings filed before the Immigration Court.

Macaraeg’s immigration hearing was supposed to be on Oct. 4, but he mistakenly thought that it was for Oct. 9, Reyes said. He said he told Macaraeg that Oct. 9 was a Sunday so he should check the following day.

Reyes said that he accompanied Macaraeg to court on Oct. 10, but was surprised to find it closed and learned that it was a federal holiday, Columbus Day.

Reyes said he later accompanied Macaraeg to the Federal Ombudsman’s Office for assistance as Macaraeg was among the 628 aliens granted conditional umbrella permits by CNMI Labor.

Macaraeg was referred to a private counsel, who then informed them that they would ask for a hearing.

ICE agents, however, arrested Macaraeg outside the lawyer’s office, citing that a default ruling had already been

issued. The ground for removal was that Macaraeg is jobless and has no umbrella permit.

Reyes said their lawyer immediately filed a motion to re-open the removal case.

Macaraeg has no U.S. children, no criminal record, and was among the 628 aliens who were granted conditional umbrella permit, Reyes said.

He said that Macaraeg, who has been working on many construction projects on the island for 26 years now, just wants to continue working as he already has a prospective employer.

“We are praying that the Immigration Court...would reconsider his case,” the MAHAL president said.

Attorney General Edward T. Buckingham’s grant of conditional umbrella permits to 628 aliens and then acting Labor secretary Cinta Kaipat’s later announcement that no such permits were issued were among the evidence discussed by a U.S. Immigration Court judge who had stopped the deportation of long-term alien worker Danilo Rejano.

In her order, Judge Dayna Beamer said that the Department of Homeland Security’s submission of a *Saipan Tribune* news article about Kaipat’s statement to support its argument that Labor never issued any conditional umbrella permits is hearsay.

Mariners urged to be cautious due to high wind, surf

GUAM—The U.S. Coast Guard is warning boaters and beach goers to exercise caution in all waters across Micronesia through Thursday evening. The National Weather Service has issued a small craft advisory for all coastal waters surrounding Guam, Rota, Tinian, and Saipan.

Beginning Friday through early Sunday morning, surf is predicted to build and peak at or near 10 feet in Guam, Rota, Tinian and Saipan.

Seas are anticipated to remain above 9 feet and winds are expected to remain in excess of 15 knots, creating waves along affected reefs higher than normal and making it exceptionally dangerous for small vessels and swimmers. The National Weather Service recommends that inexperienced mariners and those operating small vessels should avoid navigating in these conditions.

Mariners should only travel by boat if unavoidable and check the current and forecasted

weather conditions prior to getting underway. These conditions are especially hazardous when entering or leaving harbors and near inlets and reef lines. Mariners should remain aware of changing conditions once on the water. The U.S. Coast Guard advises mariners: If in doubt, don't go out!

Boaters are strongly encouraged to have a VHF marine radio on board to monitor weather conditions, communicate with other mariners, and call for help in the event of an emergency. The Coast Guard reminds all mariners that channel 16 is the emergency channel and is monitored around-the-clock.

In addition, marinas and boaters are reminded to check that boats in port are properly secured, bilge pumps are functional, and all loose items are removed from decks. Report any boats adrift, pollution or other maritime emergencies to the Coast Guard Sector Guam Command Center at 671-564-USCG. (USCG)

Bench warrant issued for defendant in CDA lawsuit

A bench warrant was issued Thursday against a man for failing to appear at a scheduled hearing in the lawsuit filed against him by the Commonwealth Development Authority.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona set defendant Herman C. Santos' bail at \$1,500.

CDA counsel Mark Scoggins asked the court to issue the bench warrant against Santos for not showing up at the hearing and for the court to order a payment plan.

Manglona denied CDA's request for payment plan but issued the warrant.

Thursday's show cause hear-

ing was intended for Santos to explain why he should not be held in contempt for failing to make regular monthly payments as the court had earlier ordered.

Attorney F. Matthew Smith, co-counsel of Scoggins for CDA, said that the district court had entered a deficiency judgment against Santos, Ricardo C. Castro and Maria C. Castro on Jan. 10, 2006, in the amount of \$7,191.45 plus interest at 9 percent per annum. Santos was ordered to pay \$100 per month until the deficiency judgment is paid in full.

Smith said that Santos made his last payment of \$100 on July 20, 2011. (Ferdie de la Torre)

closely with the Tinian and Saipan Chamber of Commerce since the 2008 to bring the program to their islands. The Guam PTAC will launch services to Tinian on Nov. 9, 2011, and Saipan on Nov. 10, 2011. (PR)

Air Force training on Farallon de Medinilla

SANTA RITA, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on the following dates and times:

- Nov. 7, from 9:30am to 11pm
- Nov. 8-10, from 7am to 8pm
- Nov. 11, from 9:30am to 4pm

The public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. (USN)

SAFETY TIPS

Here are some tips for those who choose to go out on the water during the potentially heavy weather:

- Leave a float plan with a responsible individual who knows your intentions, location and who they should call if you do not return as scheduled.
- Wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket and set the example for your passengers or paddling partners.
- Be prepared for the shock of sudden immersion and the

disabling effects of cold water. Plan for the worst: dress as though you are going to get wet and be cold.

- Maintain awareness on the water—be aware of activity around your vessel including changing weather, and always know your location.
- Don't boat alone—boating alone is not recommended. Recreational paddlers canoeists and kayakers often travel with a single craft and one partner, or even solo, but it is recom-

mended you canoe, kayak or boat with at least three people or two craft.

- Kayakers and paddlers are highly encouraged to use the Paddle Smart Identification Sticker. In situations where a craft is found without its paddler, this sticker can allow the Coast Guard to quickly identify who to contact and determine whether they have an emergency rescue situation on their hands.
- Know your limitations—

be honest with yourself and your companions. Your life and the lives of those in your party may depend on how everyone understands each other's capabilities.

For safety equipment requirements based on the size and type of your vessel, visit: <http://www.uscgboating.org/>

For local National Weather Service advisories, visit: <http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/>

Source: U.S. Coast Guard

Bill introduced in Congress to address Compact-Impact funding

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Guam Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo recently joined Rep. Colleen Hanabusa of Hawaii in introducing a bill that would provide additional federal funding to help defray the costs associated with providing social services to migrants from the Freely Associated States.

H.R. 3320, the Compact-Impact Reimbursement Act of 2011, would amend the Compact of Free Association Act of 1985 to authorize \$185 million, for each fiscal year from 2012 through 2024, in federal Compact-Impact grants for Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for Compact-Impact costs.

This represents a significant

increase over the current appropriation of \$30 million in Compact-Impact support from the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs. The funding would be allocated identically to how funds are currently allocated based off population estimates of Compact migrants in the affected jurisdictions.

H.R. 3320 also provides for the inclusion of Compact migrants in Medicaid coverage outside of current statutory caps established for each jurisdiction.

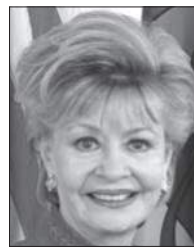
In the 111th Congress, Bordallo included a provision in the Affordable Care Act that

increased Guam's Medicaid cap from \$13.7 million in fiscal year 2010 to \$24 million in fiscal year 2011. This cap will

again increase to \$42 million in 2012 and to continue to increase to \$58 million by 2019. Medicaid assistance provided to Compact migrants through H.R. 3320 would not count toward the annual Medicaid caps allocated to Guam.

"This bill will help address the significant funding shortfalls associated with local governments in Guam, Hawaii, American Samoa, and the CNMI providing services to Compact migrants," said Bor-

dallo. "Many in Congress recognize that current Compact-Impact assistance does not adequately compensate affected jurisdictions for the costs of providing these services, and this legislation provides an avenue to remedy this situation. The legislation also builds off efforts from the 111th Congress to include Compact migrants for Medicaid coverage outside the current cap. We continue to work with the State Department, the Office of Insular Affairs, and all stakeholders to address the underlying problems associated with Compact migration. I commend Congresswoman Colleen Hanabusa for her leadership in introducing this legislation, and I urge my colleagues to support the bill." (PR)



Bordallo

\$41M grants awarded to native communities, groups

A total of \$41 million in Administration for Native Americans grants would be distributed to American Indian communities and organizations in 29 states, American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

ANA awarded on Oct. 31 more than \$17.2 million in grants to 85 tribes and American Indian organizations serving American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and Native Pacific Islanders of American Samoa. The remaining \$24.1 million was awarded to continue multi-year projects by 105 grantees.

"These new grants illustrate our commitment in bringing new opportunities to American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders," said George Sheldon, acting assistant secretary for children and families. "Our goal is to support thriving and self-sufficient communities. We will continue to support programs that create jobs and sustain a healthy environment for Native American children, youth and families."

The awards include:

- Social and Economic Development Strategies grants designed to reduce dependency and strengthen communities through economic development by providing job training,

encouraging financial literacy and asset building and promoting home ownership. The Native Asset Building Initiative project, a first-time funding opportunity offered through ANA and the Office of Community Services, is designed to increase access to and awareness of asset building opportunities for Native communities.

- Native Language Preservation and Maintenance grants for preserving Native language and culture. Programs include

language curricula development and language education and certification to prospective teachers; language instruction for children, youth and adults, preschool through college; intergenerational mentoring activities involving youth and elders; language projects that continue the use of native languages and promote cultural awareness.

- Environmental Regulatory Enhancement grants that protect native environmental heritage and support restoration and

preservation of natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

ANA was established under the Native American Programs Act of 1974 and provides discretionary and competitive grant funding to assist in the planning, development, and implementation of short-term community-based projects (averaging one to three years) that result in social and economic benefits supporting healthy children, families and communities. (ICTMN)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



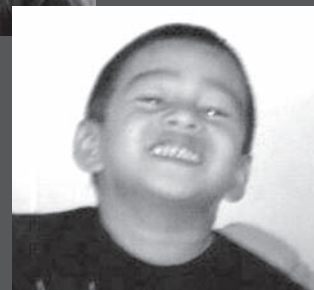
The secret of staying young is to live honestly, eat slowly, and lie about your age. Belated happy birthday to the greatest mom, Bertha I. Ada (Madea), who celebrated her birthday on Nov. 4, 2011. Greetings come from your family, friends, and grandkids.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Belated birthday greetings to Quintin Tudela Tomokane, who celebrated his special day on Nov. 4. We love and miss you so much! Greetings come from Esah Tomokane and family.

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Belated happy 20th birthday to Asako P. Maui, right, who is celebrating her birthday on Tinian. May God bless you and grant you many more birthdays to come. We love you! Greetings come from Jen-nadyn and Doris.

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Thailand's heart attack

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An obese, middle-age man is running to catch a bus. Suddenly, he clutches his chest, falls to the ground and dies of a massive heart attack. It turns out that he's a smoker and a diabetic, has high blood pressure, eats a diet high in saturated fat and low in leafy green vegetables, pours salt on everything, drinks too much beer, avoids exercise at all costs and has a father, grandfather and two uncles who also died young of heart attacks.

So what killed him? Most people are savvy enough about health risks to know this is a trick question. You can't pick out a single cause. His choices and his genes all contributed to the heart attack—but you can say with confidence that the more risk factors that pile up, the more likely it is to end badly.

Somehow, though, people think that it makes sense to ask whether a given extreme weather event—a devastating heat wave or a punishing drought or a deadly torrential rainstorm—is caused by climate change.

That's a trick question too. Scientists know that the increasing load of greenhouse gases we're pumping into the atmosphere doesn't "cause" extreme weather. But it does raise the odds, just as a diet of triple bacon cheeseburgers raises the odds of heart disease.

The floods that have been threatening to inundate Bangkok, Thailand, for nearly a week now are a perfect example. Since last summer, torrential rains have been pounding the Thai highlands, swelling the country's rivers, including the Chao Phraya, which flows through the capital. Many people have fled for drier ground, fearful that the city's dikes might not hold back the water—especially over the weekend, as the virtual tsunami from the north tried to empty into the Gulf of Thailand just as unusually high tides were pushing up the river. "It seems like we're fighting against the forces of nature," Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra told the New York Times last week.

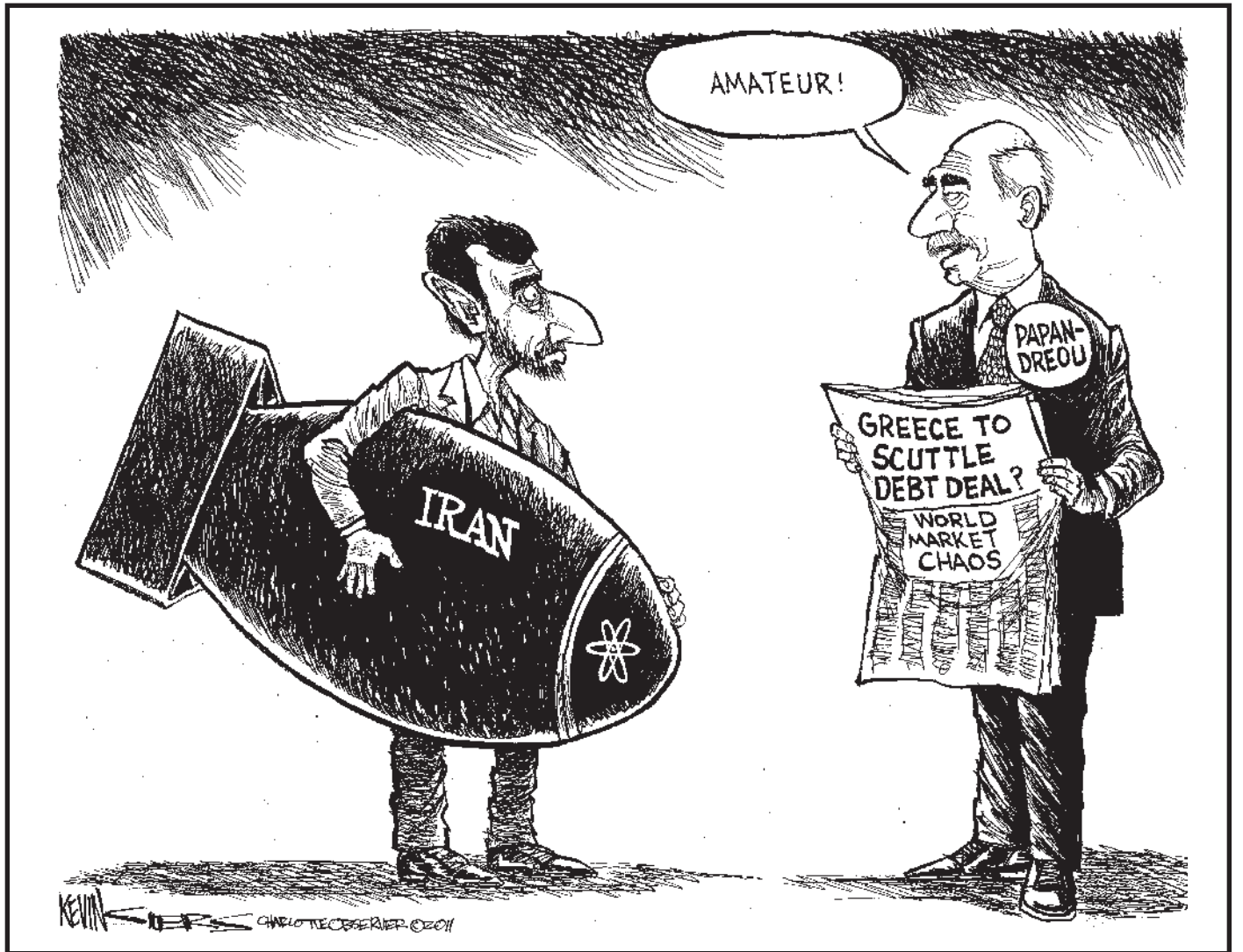
That's partly true. But as experts in risk management have come to realize, it's not just nature that has put coastal cities like Bangkok in the cross hairs of catastrophe. Monsoons and floods have drenched Asia for thousands of years. But before cities like Bangkok, Jakarta, Manila and Kolkata (formerly Calcutta) arose, climate-related disasters affected relatively few people.

Now, as the latest edition of the Climate Change and Environment Risk Atlas from Maplecroft, a London-based risk assessment firm, makes clear, swelling populations and shaky infrastructure, especially in poorer nations, put millions in harm's way.

The very existence of mega-cities, then, is one risk factor for weather and climate disasters (the Bangkok metropolitan area holds nearly 15 million people)—it's the high blood pressure, you might say, of disaster.

But climate change is an additional risk factor. Scientists have shown that torrential rains have gotten heavier in recent years, in large part because of human-caused global warming. This year's Southeast Asian monsoon may or may not have the fingerprints of climate change all over it, but in general, the trend toward heavier rains is likely to continue. Last weekend's high tide doesn't have anything to do with rising sea level; it was caused by an unusual alignment of Earth, moon and sun. But as climate change does raise sea levels over the coming century—by an average of 3 feet

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Economic security is national security

Despite political wrangling and election-year pressures to please their respective constituencies, Democrats and Republicans do agree on at least two fundamental issues.

There is a consensus that America needs to get its economic house in order. The federal debt and the growing national deficit must be brought under control, and we need to fix the economy to include getting Americans back to work. At the same time, there is agreement that cuts in federal spending shouldn't jeopardize our priority national security interests or weaken our ability to face the very real security threats of the 21st century.

In fact, these two areas of agreement are joined at the hip. Our economic strength is the foundation of our national security. As the recently retired chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen has pointed out, "The single greatest threat to national security is from the national debt."

With the congressional supercommittee charged with crafting a set of recommendations to reduce spending by at least \$1.2 trillion over the next 10 years, these areas of agreement need to be a starting point for moving forward in anticipation of tougher decisions ahead.

The reality is that wasteful military spending weakens our national security every bit as much as other ill-considered federal spending.

According to Air Force Secretary Michael Donley, "Defense cannot be exempted from efforts to get our financial house in order." The bottom line is that cutting funding for strategically outdated defense programs has to be a part of the package as we craft an economic path forward.

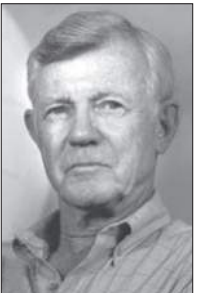
With that in mind, the supercommittee would be hard-pressed to find a better example of wasteful spending divorced from any coherent national security rationale than the proposed budget for nuclear weapons and related programs. With an estimated \$700 billion in spending proposed over the next decade for everything from new nuclear submarines and bombers to a new complex of bomb plants, one might think that it was still 1980 and we were immersed in an existential struggle with the Soviet Union.

Obviously, that isn't the case. The struggle we face today involves such 21st century challenges as terrorism and cyber war that cannot be confronted with nuclear weapons. We should be more concerned with maintaining troop readiness than with maintaining a redundant nuclear weapons capability.

The United States can spend less on excessive nuclear weapons programs without compromising its security because America's nuclear arsenal is far more than adequate for its principal mission of deterrence of nuclear attacks against the United States or our allies. Even after major reductions, our nuclear arsenal would still dwarf

By ROBERT GARD

Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation

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the programs of China and any other potential adversary. That's a bargain that would help restore our economic health.

Fortunately, this prospect holds some sway at the Pentagon, which should facilitate bipartisan action. Former Vice Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. James Cartwright recently noted that no cohesive military strategy underlies our proposed nuclear expenditures, "We haven't really exercised the mental gymnastics, the intellectual capital, on that (what is required for nuclear deterrence) yet. ... I'm pleased that it's starting, but I wouldn't be in favor of building too much until we had that discussion."

Driven as much by inertia as Capitol Hill's earmark-oriented spending habits, these misguided spending priorities are being questioned by senior military leaders who recognize that our economic circumstances have changed. The Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command, General Robert Kehler, has noted that pouring money into these nuclear weapons programs is unsustainable: "We're not going to be able to go forward with weapon systems that cost what weapon systems cost today. Case in point is (the) Long-Range Strike (bomber). Case in point is the Trident (submarine) replacement. ... The list goes on."

A contingent of "deficit hawks" has also begun to make the same argument. Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., a consistent supporter of defense spending, has proposed a deficit reduction plan that would cut \$79 billion in spending on nuclear weapon systems over the next decade by reducing the U.S. nuclear arsenal to below the New START limit of 1,550 deployed warheads — this despite the fact that he opposed the treaty.

When all is said and done, cutting funding for nuclear weapons programs no longer needed must be part of resolving our economic woes.






An economically strong America is essential to a secure America.

Today, we're faced with new threats such as cyber warfare, but our budget is still built upon old threats of an arms race with the Soviet Union. The Cold War ended two decades ago, we must adapt to these modern threats to ensure our continued strength in the 21st century.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼78
Palau	Rain	▲86 ▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼78
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲86 ▼74
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲87 ▼77
Majuro	Rain	▲82 ▼78

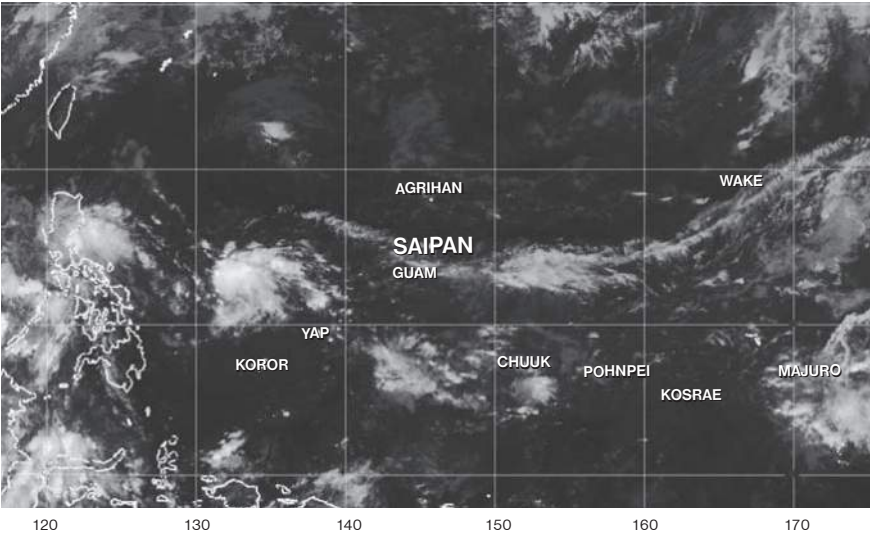
Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲60 ▼54
Beijing	Mostly Cloudy	▲57 ▼40
Hong Kong	Sunny	▲86 ▼77
Honolulu	Showers	▲84 ▼75
London	Showers	▲56 ▼54
Los Angeles	Rain	▲58 ▼42
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼80
Melbourne	Sunny	▲84 ▼65
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼57
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲52 ▼34
Osaka	Showers	▲73 ▼66
Paris	Rain	▲59 ▼50
Pusan	Rain	▲72 ▼63
Rome	Rain	▲70 ▼59
Salem	Mostly Sunny	▲49 ▼39
San Francisco	Showers	▲59 ▼46
Seoul	Showers	▲71 ▼57
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲73 ▼64
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼37

Tides

Saipan Harbor				
3:15 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet	
9:33 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.5 Feet	
4:16 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet	
10:54 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.6 Feet	

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A low-level circulation is centered northwest of Koror near 11N133E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring within 120 miles of the center. A surface trough east of Yap runs northeastward from 1N137E to 10N143E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found near the northern portion of the trough between 5N and 9N from 142E to 147E east of the trough near Weno Island in Chuuk state. Another area of scattered showers is found within 80 miles of a line from 7N152E to 5N153E. Converging surface winds are coupling with divergent upper winds to create scattered showers and a few thunderstorms east of the southern Marianas between 12N and 15N from 149E to 155E. Similar weather also exist north of Wake Island within 70 miles of a line from 21N166E to 24N170E and southeast of the island between 13N to 20N from 169E and 175E. A surface trough in the vicinity of the Marshall Islands reaches northward from 3N170E to end southeast of Majuro near 6N172E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are seen near this feature over Majuro, Tarawa and Butaritari atolls between 1N and 9N from 168E to 180.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:14 AM	5:47 PM
Sunday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Monday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Tuesday	6:15 AM	5:46 PM
Wednesday	6:16 AM	5:46 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	2:05 PM	1:34 AM
Sunday	2:41 PM	2:21 AM
Monday	3:17 PM	3:07 AM
Tuesday	3:54 PM	3:54 AM
Wednesday	4:33 PM	4:42 AM

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DEPARTURES					ARRIVALS				
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)					ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				
C05062	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5		C05064	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5	
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)					ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)				
C05064	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5		C05062	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5	
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)					GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
C05070	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7		C05062	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP	
C05064	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP		C05069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	
5K384	7:20am	8:10am	2, 6		5K387	6:30am	7:20am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7	
C05068	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6		C05071	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6	
C05068	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		C05071	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C05074	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7		C05073	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	
C05076	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7		C05075	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7	
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	3, 4, 7		C05077	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily	
C05078	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily		5K383	6:30pm	7:20pm	2, 6	
5K382	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5		C05079	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily	
C05072	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily						
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)					NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN				
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	4, 7		5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	4, 7	
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)					NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily		DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily	
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily		DL288	8:05pm	12:35am+1	Daily	
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)					SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1		OZ603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7	
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OZ604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7		OZ605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6	
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)					GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN				
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6		3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5	
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)					SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5		3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7	
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)					MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN				
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN		OZ704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN	
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		DL172/288	7:55am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT	
C05070/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM		C0190/5079	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM	
DL287/173	6:05am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT		OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
C05068/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM		OZ702/605	12:35pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
C05076/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM		C0192/5071	9:55pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	
C05076/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau		PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM	
C05072/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM		PR110/C05071	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	
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OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN		5K169	1:00pm	8:05pm	1, 5	
5K168	8:15am	11:25pm	1, 5		OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN	
C05076/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM		OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN	
					C0180/5071	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM	
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 5K: FlyGuam; 3U: Sichuan Airlines; CZ: China Southern; CO: Continental; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana									
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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam-Rota				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
Guam-Rota				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Rota-Saipan							
FRE 400	17:50	18:20	Daily	Tinian-Saipan			
Saipan-Rota				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
Rota-Guam				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
Saipan-Tinian				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any PTI cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.com

SCHEDULE OF RELIGIOUS SERVICES		
CATHOLIC 		
Mt. Carmel Cathedral Sunday Mass: 6am Chamorro, 9am English, 11am Filipino and 6pm English Monday-Saturday: 6am Chamorro Wednesday: 6pm Chamorro Parish office hours: Monday-Saturday 8am-12pm, 12-1pm, 1-5pm	Saturday mass for the intentions of the Men and Women in military service, 6pm English- anticipated mass Parish office hours: daily except Thursday and Sundays: 4:30-6pm Telephone no. 322-2404, Fr. Bong's cell: 285-912, Diocesan Finance office: 234-3000 ext.143	(Tagalog) Saturday: 7:45pm (Tagalog) Sunday: 6:45am (English) Children Worship Service: Sunday, 9am (English)
Korean Center Sunday: 10:30am Wednesday: 10am Thursday-Friday: 8pm Saturday: 3pm and 7:30pm	San Vicente Parish Monday-Friday: 6pm, Saturday: 6pm (First Saturday of every month) Sunday: 6am anticipated mass, 6pm (Neo Catechumenal community mass), 8pm Sunday: 6am, 9am, 6pm Parish office hours: daily 9-11am Telephone no. 235-8208 or 287-0131	Immanuel United Methodist Church Chalan Kanoa Drive, Chalan Kanoa (east of Town Center and Beach Road, Near Mt. Carmel Cathedral) Worship Service: 9:00am Children's Sunday School: 9:00am Choir Practice: 8:00am Singspiration: 8:30am Prayer, Care & Share: Wednesday 7:00pm Pastor: Millie Carroll 322-6158
Kristo Rai Parish Sunday- Saturday: 6am Wednesday: 6am and 6pm (PH Novena 5:45pm) Friday: 5:30pm praying of Divine Mercy Chaplet; 6pm devotional mass in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Saturday: 6am and 6pm (anticipated) Sunday Mass: 6am, 8am and 9:30am 6pm Tagalog mass Parish office hours: (Fr. Celso G. Magbanua) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 8-11:30am/ 3-5:30pm, Wednesday and Friday 3-5pm. Telephone no. 285-0273	Santa Remedios Sunday: 8am Monday: 6pm (1 st Mondays cemetery masses at 5:30pm) Tuesday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm-anticipated Sunday mass 8-10pm Parish office hours: Monday- Friday: 8:30am-12pm	Immanuel Methodist Church (Filipino Congregation) Sunday: 7:00am-Choir Rehearsal 8:00am-Church Service (Tagalog) 9:15am-Sunday School Wednesday: 6:30pm, home group 8:00pm-Prayer Meeting Thursday: 7:30pm-Choir Practice (Church) Saturday: 8:00pm-Choir Practice (Parsonage) (Korean Congregation) Sunday worship: 9am, 10:30, 1pm Wednesday evening service: 8pm Daily morning prayer: 5am
Santa Soledad Mission Parish Monday: 6pm Tuesday: 6pm Wednesday: 6pm Friday: 6pm Saturday: 6pm (Youth mass/ anticipated Sunday mass) Sunday: 7am and 9am (Children's mass) Parish office hours: Wednesday and Friday: 8-10am, Saturday: 4-6pm Telephone no. 256-4568	Amen Church Sunday : 10am, 1pm, 5pm Wednesday : 7pm Friday Prayer : 9pm Bible Study : 4pm (Tue) Music Practice : 5pm (Sat) Korean class: 3:30pm (Thu) Visitation : 10am(Fri, Sat) Outreach : 8am (First Sat) Tel. No. 285-2121, 256-2221 Email : oseyo@daum.net	Jesus is Lord Church, Saipan Sunday English Service: 7:30-9am, Sunday Tagalog Service: 9-11am and 6-8pm, Wednesday: 7:30-9pm
Saint Jude Parish Monday- Friday: 6pm Saturday: 7am Sunday: 6am, 8am, 10am Parish office hours: Monday-Friday 9:30-11:30am, 3:30-5pm Office is close every Thursday and Saturday Telephone no. 288-0007	Born Again Christian (Upper Room Int'l Ministries), Saipan Wednesday Prayer and Healing Night: 8-10:30pm Saturday Tagalog Service: 8-10:30pm Sunday English Service: 9:30-11am Sunday School for Children: 10-11am Sunday Filipino Service: 7-9pm	Korean Presbyterian Church, Saipan Sunday School: 9:20am Sunday Adult: 11am Sunday Evening: 7:30pm Wednesday: 8pm
San Antonio Parish Monday-Friday 6pm Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 7am, 9am (Blessing of children) Parish office hours: Tuesday-Saturday: 8-11:30am, 2-4:45pm Close on Sunday and Monday	Calvary Baptist Church, Saipan Sunday School: 9am Sunday Morning Worship: 10am Sunday Evening Worship: 6pm Wednesday Prayer Service: 7pm Telephone no. 234-6026/27	Life in the Son Christian Fellowship, Saipan Sunday Worship Service: 10am-12noon Tuesday: Leadership Institute 7pm-10pm Wednesday: Corporate prayer 7pm-8pm Last Friday of the month-prayer: 7pm-11pm Friday: Youth on Fire: 7pm-9pm Tel. No. 235-LIFE (5433)
San Francisco de Borja-Rota Sunday: 6am Chamorro, 8am English Monday and Tuesday:6am Chamorro Wednesday:6pm English Thursday: 6am Chamorro Friday: 6am English Saturday: 6am Chamorro, 6pm Tagalog Sunday: anticipated mass	Chinese Christian Church of Saipan Worship Services: Sunday: Chinese and Filipino 9am, English 6pm Bible Study: Wednesday and Saturday 8pm Telephone no. 235-8540	Marianas Baptist Church, Saipan English Worship Service: 9-10:30am Evening Worship Service: 6-7pm Children Sunday School: 9-10:30am Tagalog Sunday School: 11am-12pm English Sunday School: 11am-12pm Korean Worship Service: 11am-12pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: English, 7pm-8pm Korean: 8:30pm-9:30pm
San Isidro-Rota Sunday: 5am, 8am, 10am Monday-Friday: 7pm Saturday: 5am and 7pm	Cornerstone Christian Church, Saipan Morning Service, Sunday, 10:00 am Evening Service, Sunday, 6:00 pm Children Sunday School, 10:00am/ 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7-9 pm Youth Night of Worship, Friday, 6:30 pm As Perdido Road Chalan Piao, Saipan MP 96950 Tel. No. (670) 235-8590 Email: cornerstone@cfemcares.org	Missions Connection Ministry Every Sunday Celebrations: 10am (English), 6pm (Tagalog) Wednesday Bible Study: 7pm Youth Impact Friday: 7pm Saturday Prayer Meeting: 7pm
San Jose (Oleai) Parish Monday- Saturday: 6am daily mass Monday- Sunday: 3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Wednesday: 6pm, mass, exposition of the blessed sacrament Saturday: 6pm, anticipated Sunday mass Sunday: 7:30-9am English, 6pm Tagalog mass Office hours: Monday-Wednesday: 9am-12pm, 2-5pm Thursday: day off Friday- Saturday: 8am-12pm, 2-5pm Telephone no. 234-6991	Episcopal/Anglican Church on Saipan St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worship Service Sunday: Holy Communion 9:00am Place: Garapan, Plumeria Road, Call 285-6081 for directions	Northern Marianas Christian Church Sunday Worship Service: 10 am at Seventh Day Adventist church on Quartermaster Rd. Wednesday Service: 7 pm at Fina Sisu Housing FS#1 Contact Nick for more info: 287-1661
San Roque Parish Sunday: 7:30am Chamorro, 9am English Monday: 6pm English Tuesday: 6pm English Wednesday: 6pm English- novena mass to our Lady of San Roque oil Thursday: 6pm English Friday: 6pm English- Devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus (First Fridays) Saturday: 6am English- Our Lady's	Grace Christian Assembly, Saipan Sunday Worship Service: 9-11am Sunday school/ Children's church 9am (nursery available during Sunday service) GBI Classes: 4-6pm Prayer Meeting: 6am Tuesday GCA Kagman, Wednesday Navy Hill, Thursday San Antonio Home Cell Bible Study: 7pm (Through out the week) Telephone no. 322-5680	Marianas Bible Fellowship Center Sunday School: 9-9:30am Divine Worship: 9:30-11am Evening Service: 7pm-8:30pm Wednesday Prayer Meeting: 8pm-9pm
	Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) Sunday worship 8:30am Sunday evening 7:00pm Prayer meeting, every Wednesday 7:30pm San Jose village, after San Jose Hotel Telephone: 789-7566	Victorious Christian Church (Formerly God's Victorious Army) Sunday 8:30am to 10:30am - Worship Service Monday 7:00 pm - Women's Fellowship Tuesday nights - Home cellgroup Wednesday - 7:30pm to 9:00pm Mid Week Service Friday 7:30pm to 9:00pm Prayer Meeting Saturday nights - Praise and worship practice Last Friday of the month - Overnight praying meeting Pastor Brendon Perez - Tel# 2359246
	Saipan Christian Church Sunday: 7:30am-10am	Chinese services Sunday morning 10:00am Sunday evening 7:00pm
		Everyone is warmly welcome to attend our worship services. Transportation is readily available to anyone who needs a ride to our church. Telephone No: 285-4661/2
		Thy Word Ministries Saipan Faith Center Phone 234-0209 New Christian Charismatic Church Service located in Chalan Paio, Beach Road in the Sablan building on the 2nd floor above Subway Sandwiches. Senior Pastors: George & Gail Kamakahi Asst. Pastors: Eric & Penny Sakaguchi
		Service Times Sunday 10:00am Worship Service Sunday 7pm Discipleship Classes Tuesday 10:00am Bible Studies Tuesday 6:00pm Intercessory Prayer Tuesday 7:00pm Music Practice Wednesday 7:00pm Mid-Week Service Saturday 10:00am Evangelism
		Upper Room International Ministries Sunday 5:30am-6:30am Morning prayer 7am-9am English service 7am-9am Sunday school 10am-12noon English service, Koblerville Wednesday 7pm-9pm Prayer meeting Saturday 7pm-9pm Tagalog service Venue: Jason Presbyterian Church Gualo Rai, Saipan
		Victory Chapel Christian Fellowship Church Sunday School: 9:30am Sunday AM Worship:10:30am Sunday PM Worship:7:00am Wed Worship: 7:30pm Prayer 45 min. Prior to Service Times Morning Prayer: 6-8am M-S

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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Nov. 5, 2001

DPH assures preparedness against anthrax
The supply of anthrax medication in the CNMI may be limited in case of a bioterrorist scenario, but the Department of Public Health said it has access to federal pharmaceutical stockpile. Public Health Medical Director Richard Brostrom said that the department, through secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez, has established a relationship with the federal government to make sure that its supply of medicine is accessible once an anthrax epidemic occurs. “We have sufficient stockpile to treat around a hundred people for a total of 60 days, but the truth is that we would have access to the national pharmaceutical stockpile,” Brostrom said.

Lizama recuses from CDA, CUC legal rift
Superior Court Associate Judge Juan T. Lizama has recused himself from the pending legal battle between the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth Development Authority. Lizama’s recusal also came with a decision vacating a September 6, 2001 order granting the plaintiff, CDA, a cross-motion for summary judgment. In a decision entered last week, Lizama cited a CNMI law stating that “whenever a judge of the Commonwealth believes that there are grounds for his disqualification, he shall, on his own initiative, recuse himself and enter a written order of recusal in the record of the proceeding.”

Nov. 5, 2002

NMI lawmakers root for GOP in US polls
Members of the Republican-controlled CNMI Legislature have made it a point to brush up on the latest developments in the tight races for 435 U.S. House, 34 Senate and 36 governorship seats, in anticipation of the U.S. mid-term elections outcome that local leaders believe greatly affects the CNMI’s fate. Senate President Paul A. Mangloña, for one, is hoping for results that would have a positive impact on the Commonwealth: a Republican-rule in both the U.S. House and Senate. “What happens thousands of miles away will affect us. From immigration control, government improvement, to talks on Sections 702 and 706 of the Covenant, and so on-all these hinge on what kind of support we can get from the U.S. Congress,” Mangloña said in an interview yesterday.

Deal to reduce shipment backlogs
The Commonwealth Ports Authority yesterday disclosed that the temporary agreement reached between West Coast workers and shipping companies also tentatively relieved other countries and territories, such as the CNMI, of further delay in the arrival of shipments from the mainland U.S. CPA Executive Director Carlos H. Salas said that, with the tentative resolution reached Friday, shipments that were put on hold at West Coast ports will be slowly back on track. “Backlogs will now be taken cared of. Cargo-wise, inbound shipment would be arriving from time to time,” said Salas in an interview. He added that agricultural produce will be slowly shipped in to the Northern Marianas, erasing fears raised by hotel and restaurant operators of a possible shortage in farm products and livestock.

Nov. 5, 2003

Governor to attend Micronesian summit
Gov. Juan N. Babauta is expected to leave for Palau this afternoon to attend the Western Micronesian Chief Executives’ Summit, press secretary Peter A. Callaghan said. The summit is a follow up to the same gathering held earlier this year when chief executives of Guam, Palau, Yap and the CNMI each pledged commitment to take the lead in pursuing regional issues. The CNMI had been chosen to spearhead efforts toward improving the region’s air transportation and healthcare services. As the “Focus State” of such initiatives, the CNMI was supposed to complete a survey comparing the state of the region’s air transportation and healthcare situations.

Anti-drunk driving campaign upped
The Department of Public Safety is soliciting the support of private and government offices to effectively carry out the anti-drunk and drugged driving campaign this year, in an effort to minimize-if not completely prevent-road accidents during the holiday season. Capt. Pete Muna, program chair of this year’s 3D, said that there is an ongoing discussion between the DPS-3D Program and different agencies on Saipan, including non-governmental agencies and private establishments, to spread the word about the program, which will be implemented beginning December 2003 until January next year.

Maharlika

Philippines bans labor deployments to 41 countries

By JIM GOMEZ
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippines, one of the world's largest labor exporters, has ordered a ban on the deployment of workers to 41 countries—including war-torn Afghanistan and booming India—where Filipino officials say there are inadequate protections against labor abuse, the government said Wednesday.

Labor Secretary Rosalinda Baldoz said worker deployments to 125 other countries would continue because Philippine embassies have verified they have laws protecting foreign workers.

A 2009 Philippine law requires that workers only be sent to countries that provide legal protection to foreign laborers, are a party to international labor protection accords or have agreements with Manila that guarantee against abuse.

Nearly 10 percent of the Philippine population of 94 million

work abroad, with many going to the Middle East.

Carlos Cao Jr., who heads the government's Philippine Overseas Employment Administration, said the bans will take effect 15 days after the order is published in major newspapers. The countries affected by the bans are not major destinations of Filipino workers, he said.

The few hundred Filipinos working in those countries can remain there until their current contracts expire, Baldoz said.

Multinational companies with high labor standards will be exempted from the ban even if they operate in countries like Afghanistan where the labor ban will be imposed, she said.

Filipino lawmakers who passed the 2009 law "were very much aware of the welfare issues, exploitation and abusive practices in some countries," Baldoz told The Associated Press. She said the Philippines may be the only major labor-exporting country to impose such a ban based on a law.

The bans will be lifted if the affected countries take adequate steps to protect Filipino workers from abuse and allow them to seek help if they are maltreated, Baldoz said.

The countries affected by the bans include Afghanistan, Cambodia, India, Cuba, North Korea, Haiti, Iraq, Libya, Pakistan, Serbia, Sudan and Zimbabwe.

Philippine embassies are now assessing several Middle Eastern countries where bans could be imposed, Baldoz said. More than a million Filipinos work in the Middle East, and complaints of abuses and maltreatment are most frequent there, Baldoz said.

Filipinos who wish to work overseas are required to obtain government approval, although some circumvent the regulation and travel abroad on their own.

"The problem really is forced migration. Jobless Filipinos amid grinding poverty and joblessness will be forced to accept jobs even in countries where

there is an existing deployment ban," said John Leonard Monterona of Migrante, a group that seeks protection for overseas Filipino workers.

Labor deployments have been banned, for example, in hotspots such as Lebanon in the past but many Filipinos still have gone there as illegal workers because of human trafficking syndicates, Monterona said.

Overseas Filipino workers

are hailed as heroes for the help their earnings bring to the country's economy, but widespread stories of sexual and physical abuse, and even deaths, have made their plights a powerful emotional issue which officials have struggled to address.

In 2004, the government weathered criticism from the United States and other nations when then President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo ordered

the Philippines' token peace-keeping contingent withdrawn from Iraq after Islamic insurgents threatened to behead a Filipino truck driver who was later freed unharmed.

The government has also struggled to save dozens of convicted Filipinos from execution. More than 100 Filipinos are currently on death row overseas, many in the Middle East, according to Migrante.

Labor group warns of backlash from worker deployment ban

By JEROME ANING, JERRY E. ESPLANADA
PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

A labor and migrants advocacy group on Thursday cautioned the government against "adverse reactions" from the 41 countries cited as unsuitable to host Filipino workers by the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA).

The Blas F. Ople Center said that although the government had no choice but to implement the law, it would still have to defend its actions before "irate" members of the international community.

"In our bid to provide our

overseas workers with information regarding destination countries, let us make sure that longstanding friendships with certain countries would not be harmed," said center president Susan Ople.

Ople, a former labor under-secretary, said the Department of Foreign Affairs must also be prepared to defend the POEA's certification process.

Another OFW group, Migrante International, said it doubted the government could enforce the ban at all.

"On the one hand, it is a positive development that the government seems to be taking serious action to ensure

the protection of our OFWs' rights. On the other, we question the government's readiness to address the repercussions and implications of the ban," said Migrante chairman Garry Martinez.

"How does the government plan to absorb the inevitable increase in unemployment that the ban will cause? If they are serious in imposing the ban, they should be serious, too, in creating jobs and giving higher wages here in the Philippines," he said.

Martinez said OFWs would also become more vulnerable to human trafficking and illegal recruitment schemes as a result of the ban, "because they would find alternative, illegal or backdoor, means to go abroad out of desperation."



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Dennis C. Pedrano, seated right, is the first Filipino to register for the overseas absentee voting for the May 2013 elections. With him are, from left, Philippine Consulate General staffers Jose Sto. Domingo, Liza Dean, and Consul General Medardo Macaraig.

Voter registration takes off on Saipan with 10 registrants

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Ten individuals have so far registered since the Philippine Consulate General began on Nov. 2 the registration for overseas absentee voters for the May 2013 elections.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig disclosed that the first five filed their applications for registration on the first day while another five turned in their applications the next day.

The Consulate was closed yesterday in observance of Citizenship Day.

Macaraig said that Dennis C. Pedrano was the first to submit his application for registration shortly after the opening of office hours last Wednesday.

"His photograph, fingerprints and other biometric information were obtained by staff of the

Consulate who were deputized and trained by the Commission on Elections to conduct the registration or certification of absentee voters," said Macaraig.

While Macaraig said that it's "still too early to make any statement or assessment" of the registration for overseas absentee voters, he noted that the uncertainty of the status of Filipino workers in the CNMI may have played a role in why only a few people turned up during the first two days of registration.

Another factor, Macaraig said, is the Oct. 31, 2012, deadline which gives Filipinos enough time to register for the overseas absentee voting.

"As soon as the CW applications clear and who among the *Pinoys* remain in the CNMI is established, we may see an increase in applications, including those who may transfer their

voting rights from Saipan back to their hometown in the Philippines," he told *Saipan Tribune*.

The Consulate conducts the registration or certification of qualified Filipino overseas absentee voters during office hours from 8am to 6pm except holidays and weekends, and during the scheduled One-Saturday or Sunday-A-Month services.

Registration requirements for overseas absentee voting are a valid Philippine passport and an accomplished OAV Form No. 1, which can be obtained at the Consulate or downloaded and printed from the Commission on Election website, www.comelec.gov.ph/.

To register or for more information, visit the Consulate office at the fifth floor of Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe or call 234-1850.

Lions Club sets tree planting to meet global goal

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

Members of the Lions Club International District 204 Region 2 have organized a tree planting event on Sunday, Nov. 6, at the Lao Lao Bay beach area.

Region 2 zone chair Ladyvir Canape said this is the first time that the Saipan Unity Lions Club, Saipan Marianas Lions Club, and Saipan Fil-Am Lions Club have united to conduct its first region-wide tree planting activity as part of their efforts to help not only the community but the environment as well.

Canape said they have requested from the nonprofit group Mariana Islands Nature Alliance some 30 plant saplings to be used for Sunday's event, which

will be led by Region chair Eli Arago, secretary Mario Mayuga, treasurer Paul Madriaga, safety officer Boyet Escobar, and PRO Annamae Adaza.

"Our tree-planting event is organized in response to the Lions Club International's Million Tree Planting Campaign," Canape told *Saipan Tribune*.

Lions Club International 2011-2012 president Wing-Kun Tam has challenged Lions throughout the world to plant one million trees this year to demonstrate the strength of its global network.

As of yesterday, the Lions Club International website reported that their members have already planted 5,213,587 trees.

Moreover, Canape said the event is also part of their efforts to

support MINA which always welcomes volunteers to plant trees at the Lao Lao Bay area, one of the most valuable marine ecosystems in the island impacted by erosion and sedimentation.

"We want to help protect the area and make our own contribution in addressing the issue of global warming through our own small way," she said.

Canape added that the event will also be an opportunity for get-together among region members.

"We encourage all Region 2 Lions and even non-members to take part in our tree-planting event," she said.

The group will meet at 7am at the MINA office along Beach Road in Garapan. For more information, call 483-2118.

Consulate closed for 4 days this Nov. for holidays

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Philippine Consulate General on Saipan will not be open to the public several days this month in observance of holidays in the Philippines, CNMI, and the United States.

The office will be closed on Monday, Nov. 7, after Philippine President Benigno Aquino III issued Proclamation No. 84 declaring it a holiday in observance of Eidul Adha or Feast of Sacrifice, one of the two most important Islamic

festivals.

Included in the proclamation is the observance of Bonifacio Day on Nov. 30 in honor of Philippine revolutionary hero Andres Bonifacio.

The Consulate will also be closed in observance of two annual federal holidays: on Nov. 11, Veterans Day, which honors military veterans; and Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day, celebrated every fourth Thursday of the month and one of the major holidays in the U.S.

Consul General Medardo Macaraig told the Filipino

community to be guided accordingly.

"During these days, registration and certification for overseas absentee voters shall also be suspended and shall resume the following work day," said Macaraig.

The Consulate, however, will be open for its One-Saturday or Sunday-A-Month services on Nov. 19, Saturday, from 9am to 4pm.

For more information, contact the Consulate at 234-1850, fax 234-1849 or email saipanpcg@pticom.com.

Philippines, Muslim rebels to continue peace talks

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine government and Muslim rebels agreed Thursday to continue peace talks despite recent clashes that killed 19 soldiers in a southern province, the chief government negotiator said.

As the two sides work toward ending decades of rebellion for Muslim self-rule, the rebels reaffirmed a commitment under a previous agreement to help the government fight kidnap gangs and other criminal groups, Marvic Leonen said in a statement after an informal meeting in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.

The talks had been called into ques-

tion after Moro Islamic Liberation Front clashed on Oct. 18 with Filipino forces sent to Basilan province to arrest Moro commander Dan Laksaw Asnawi for his alleged involvement in a 2007 attack killing 14 marines. Ten of the marines killed in that attack were later found beheaded.

President Benigno Aquino III rejected recent calls, however, for an all-out offensive against the rebels, and refused to scrap the Malaysia-brokered peace talks.

A joint cease-fire committee investigation later cleared Asnawi of the beheadings, according to rebel spokes-

man Von Al Haq, and the mutilations were reportedly carried out instead by four militants from the Abu Sayyaf group who strayed later into the battle scene and found the bodies.

The rebel and government negotiators on Thursday also agreed to have Malaysian-led international monitors and the joint cease-fire committee investigate the Oct. 18 clash.

Despite the rebel's claim of Asnawi's being cleared, the military said Wednesday it would continue to hunt for the guerrilla commander, who escaped from Basilan provincial jail in 2009.

Col. Dickson Hermoso, head of the

military office monitoring the peace talks, said the 11,000-strong Moro front would not be targeted itself, only rebels "who provide sanctuary or coddle these lawless elements."

Moro front vice chairman Ghazali Jaafar welcomed the international investigation into the Oct. 18 clash.

"That means it will be an impartial investigation. That's what we have been calling for all the while," he told The Associated Press.

Leonen described Thursday's meeting as "a candid exchange where both sides cleared the air about pressing issues."

"We agreed to move forward on the substantive agenda and meet again very soon," he said, without elaborating.

Jaafar said the rebels were aiming to establish an autonomous government to end the insurgency, which has killed more than 120,000 and stunted the growth of the resource-rich but largely impoverished southern Mindanao region.

"The political solution of the Bangsamoro problem is no other than the establishment of a government of the Bangsamoro people ... under the power of the government of the Philippines," he said, using the name the rebels refer to Muslim Filipinos.

Witches in Philippines' Siquijor province are old hat

By **BENJAMIN HAAS**
LOS ANGELES TIMES

SIQUIJOR, Philippines—At the end of a dirt road deep in the mountains, Consolacion Acay hobbled onto her porch and picked up her tools of the trade: a glass cup, a bamboo straw, a stone the size of an apricot pit and a bottle of potion. Then she began casting spells to heal her client.

"I found this stone while I was swimming near waterfalls in the middle of the island," the unassuming 86-year-old said later. "That night I had a dream that taught me how to use the stone to heal people, and I've been doing it ever since."

Acay dabbed the potion on certain points of her client's body, then half-filled the cup with water, dropped the stone in and began blowing air into the water with the straw. The water became murky—a sign, she said, that she was removing the malaise. She repeated the process until the water was clear.

Acay's magic doesn't put her on the fringe of society here; sorcery, both for good and evil, is a fact of life in the island province of Siquijor.

Throughout the Philippines, mention of this place instantly conjures images of healers, witches and demons. One gruesome tale features a vampire that splits in two, its upper torso flying from rooftop to rooftop, devouring fetuses out of pregnant women.

Magic in Siquijor consists mainly of traditional beliefs that have existed

in the Philippines for centuries. When the Spanish arrived in the 16th century and introduced Catholicism, locals began to blend ancient practices with their newfound religion.

Many witches in Siquijor use Catholic imagery in their sorcery, and almost all regularly attend church. All their potions for the year are brewed in the week leading up to Easter.

Father Larry Catubig, the senior Catholic priest on the island, said he realized the complicated nature of proselytizing to religiously devout witches.

"It's good that the witches are going to church, and we try to steer them away from magic," he said. "But when they go back into the mountains, we have no control over what they do."

During Holy Week, vigilance is required at the religious processions because the witches steal parts of the relics on display for use in their potions, Catubig said.

It's not unusual for gravestones in Siquijor to have pieces missing—stone angels without heads or perhaps a stump where a cross once stood. Often it's the work of "black witches" looking to enhance their brew.

Although Acay works strictly in healing the sick, other witches here aren't so benevolent.

Cayetano Umbalsa, 76, has been practicing witchcraft since his father began teaching him almost 60 years ago. Although he is well-versed in the healing spells, people come to him mainly for his proficiency in the dark

arts. Jealous spouses and scorned lovers make up the bulk of such clients.

The spells range from one to make your ex-lover constantly remember your face to those to cause sickness and even death.

The black witches command steep fees: \$345 to almost \$700 in a region where the average annual income is about \$2,500. The witches who limit their work to healing often ask for a small donation of a few dollars.

Richard Quezon, the mayor of Siquijor town, the capital of the province, remembers being terrified by stories of evil witches in the mountains that rise from the middle of the island.

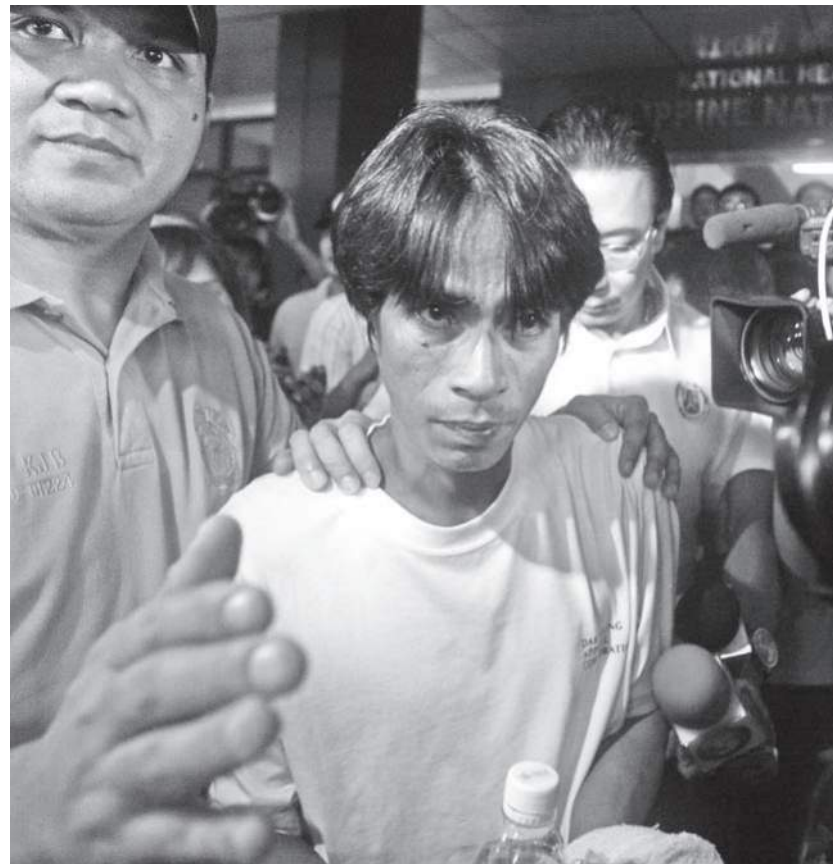
"Before, everyone went to healers for things like liver problems or cancer," he said. "But now, with modern medicine, only those who can't afford to go to the hospital seek out healers."

To some, that's a positive development. Evelyn C. Retana, a retired surgeon at the Siquijor town hospital, has seen sick people spend months hoping to be healed by witches only to eventually seek treatment at the hospital.

But Quezon defends witchcraft. In September he went to a witch because of a skin condition that wouldn't go away.

"The medicine from the pharmacy didn't work, but the herbs and spells from the healer worked right away," he said. "Some things science can't explain."

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Police officers escort Angel Capili Jr., center, the suspect in the stabbing death of the estranged father of singer Charice Pempengco of the TV hit "Glee" following his surrender Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 at the Philippine National Police headquarters northeast of Manila, Philippines.

Suspect in killing of Charice's father surrenders

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The suspect in the stabbing death of the father of singer Charice Pempengco of the hit TV show "Glee" surrendered Thursday and admitted responsibility for the crime.

Angel Capili Jr. turned himself in to the chief of his village in General Trias township south of Manila, said Gilbert Cruz, police chief of nearby Laguna province.

Police said Charice's estranged 40-year-old father, construction worker Ricky Pempengco, was stabbed with an ice pick by a drunken man Monday after buying cigarettes at a store.

Cruz said Capili is also a construction worker but did not know Pempengco.

Teen songstress Charice canceled upcoming concerts and called for justice for her father. She plays a recurring role on "Glee" as exchange student Sunshine Corazon.

Capili told reporters in Manila he was conscience-stricken and ready to face the consequences.

"I had really planned to surrender because what I did was wrong," he told reporters. "I am seeking forgiveness from the family left behind by Mr. Pempengco. ... I am prepared to suffer whatever is the judgment."

However, he did not respond when reporters asked why he stabbed the victim.

Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo,

who spoke with Capili, said the suspect said he was assaulted by Pempengco.

"He was claiming that he was already backing away but then (the victim) continued to attack him so he got a screwdriver and he stabbed Mr. Pempengco," Robredo told ABS-CBN television. "We will compare the account of witnesses with the account of the suspect."

Charice told a news conference Thursday that she could not forgive Capili because he didn't appear to be truly sorry for what happened.

"He should not defend himself. He cannot bring back my dad," she said.

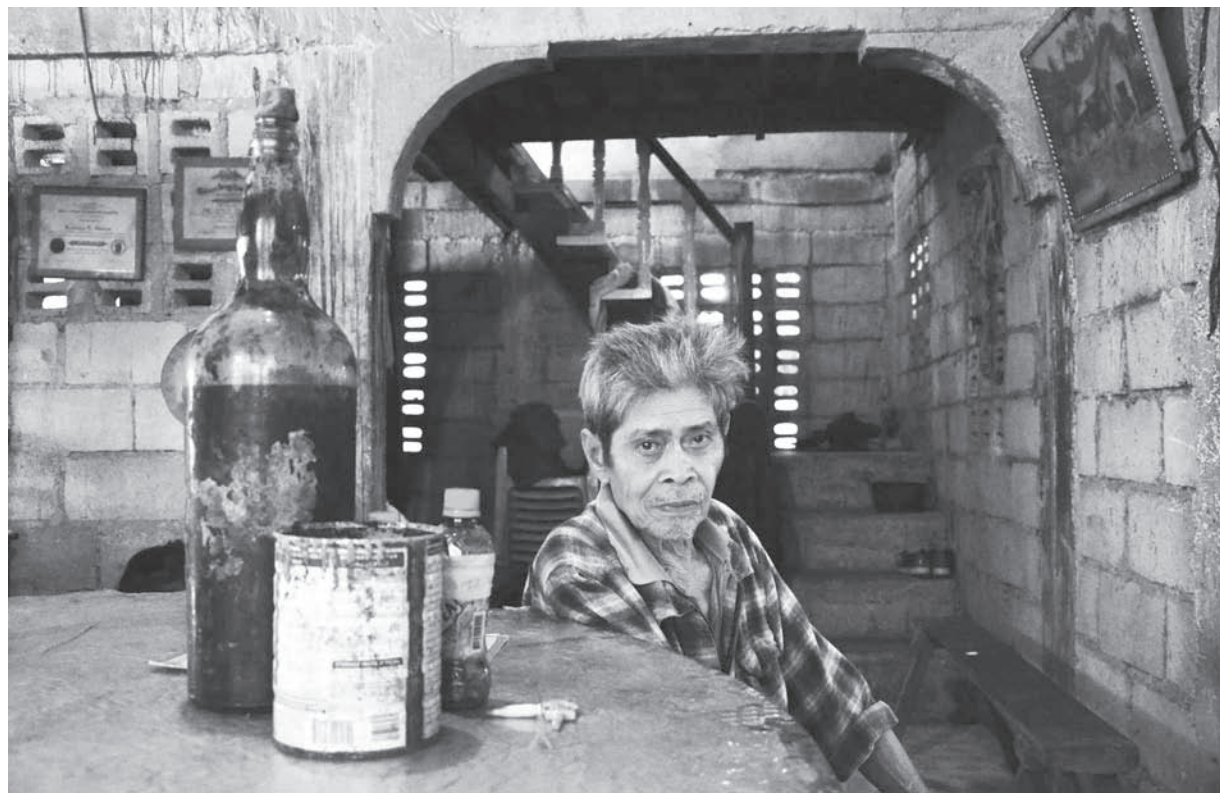
Charice flew back to the Philippines and paid respects to her father early Wednesday. She also apologized for canceling the rest of her tour dates, saying "my family comes first." She had been scheduled to perform in Singapore.

"Whoever did this must be brought to justice. Justice must be served, not just for my father but for everyone concerned," she told a radio interview.

Charice said she still loved her father, even though he left when she was 3 years old.

"He's still my dad after all," she wrote on Twitter.

The 19-year-old songstress, born Charmaine Clarice Relucio Pempengco, is known throughout Asia from concerts and TV talent shows in the Philippines and South Korea.



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Cayetano Umbalsa, 76, of Siquijor, Philippines, has been practicing witchcraft since his father began teaching him almost 60 years ago. He sits with a bottle of potion that, typical of all witches' potions on Siquijor island, was brewed during Holy Week.

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TAPOCHAU CLEANUP

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

On Oct. 22, executives and employees of the Fiesta Resort and Spa-Saipan and Saipan Grand Hotel went up Mt. Tapochau to clean the area. A total of 37 volunteers braved the bad road going up to collect 30 bags of trash, with an approximate weight of 150 lbs. The group also removed weeds and cleaned the steps. The volunteers were later treated to breakfast at Shirley's Coffee Shop in Garapan. Fiesta and Grand are both members of MINA.



Business

Greek govt teeters; lawmakers urge PM to resign

By ELENA BECATOROS and NICHOLAS PAPHITIS
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Demands mounted Thursday for Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou to resign and let a coalition government approve a European bailout plan instead of holding a risky referendum on it. Papandreou's proposal earlier this week to put the hard-fought bailout package to a referendum horrified Greece's international partners and creditors, triggering turmoil in financial markets as investors fretted over the prospect of a disorderly default and the country's exit from the 17-nation eurozone. The instability in Greece sent immediate ripples throughout Europe. Premier Silvio Berlusconi's government in Italy was teetering as well after it failed to come up with a credible plan to deal with its dangerously high debts, and Portugal demanded more flexible terms

for its own bailout. European Central Bank made a surprise decision Thursday to cut interest rates by a quarter of a percentage point to 1.25 percent, responding to the financial turmoil. The drama also dominated the G-20 meeting in the French resort of Cannes, where the leaders of the world's economic powerhouses had gathered to solve Europe's debt crisis, which threatens to push the world back into recession. Papandreou was holding an emergency meeting Thursday with his ministers. Several of them called for a coalition national unity government that would approve the bailout package without a referendum and make sure the country receives vital funds to prevent imminent bankruptcy. Rumors abounded about a possible Papandreou resignation—but two officials in his office denied reports that he would visit the country's president and tender his resignation in the af-

ternoon. The president's office also said it had no knowledge of such a meeting. Several of Papandreou's close associates said they did not know what his intentions were, but he was delivering a speech to his ministers. "He wrote the speech himself. Nobody knows what's in it," said one close associate who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the prime minister's actions. Antonis Samaras, the leader of the main opposition party, called for a transitional government to ratify the European debt deal and prepare for early elections. "Under the weight of these dramatic events, we have witnessed a crisis of the ability to govern. The country must immediately return to a state of normality," Samaras said. "Under the current conditions, the new debt deal is unavoidable and must be safeguarded." State TV said lawmakers were sounding out former European Central Bank vice president

Lucas Papademos as a possible unity government leader. If the Greek government did fall, it would mean that every EU nation that had already received a bailout—Greece, Portugal and Ireland—saw their

governments fall during the economic turmoil. Earlier Thursday, Papandreou's own finance minister, Evangelos Venizelos, broke ranks with him and declared his opposition to a referendum.

Tracking the crisis in Greece

The 17 European Union countries that share a common currency – the euro – each agreed to monetary requirements, including keeping budget deficits below a certain level, before joining the currency. Recently, several eurozone nations – Greece, in particular – have run into difficulty due to high debt.



Greece's current problem
• The global financial crisis left the Greek government, which had spent and borrowed heavily but had not collected enough tax, without sufficient money to pay its bills

Behind the trouble in Greece 2009
April EU orders Greece, three other eurozone nations to reduce deficit
October George Papandreou's Socialist Party wins general election amid anger over spending, corruption in government
December Government reveals debt equals 113 percent of GDP, nearly twice the eurozone limit; rating agencies downgrade Greek debt

2010
January 2009 budget deficit revised to 12.7 percent of GDP from 3.7 percent, more than four times the maximum allowed
February Government announces austerity plans, which spark strikes
March Eurozone, IMF agree to safety net of 22 billion euros (\$30.4 billion) to help Greece
April Eurozone agrees to provide up to 30 billion euros (\$41.4 billion) in emergency loans; deficit revised upward again to 13.6 percent of GDP
May Eurozone, IMF agree to 110-billion-euro (\$152-billion) bailout package

• Bailout plans came with unpopular reforms; some fear a "no" vote on a referendum on the latest rescue plan will force Greece from the euro, lead to another financial crisis

2011
June Eurozone ministers tell Greece to impose new austerity measures before getting the next loan installment
July Greek parliament approves new austerity measures; eurozone agrees to a second bailout of 109 billion euro (\$151 billion) to try to contain the crisis
September Speculation that Greece will not meet budget targets grows
Oct. 21 Eurozone ministers approve the next 8 billion euro (\$11 billion) in loans, saving Greece from potential default
Oct. 28 Eurozone leaders agree to a 50 percent debt write-off for Greece provided it enacts more austerity measures
Oct. 31 Prime Minister George Papandreou announces call for referendum on bailout package
Nov. 3 Papandreou expected to offer to resign over fallout over the proposed referendum

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Economy picks up but hiring outlook stays cloudy

WASHINGTON (AP)—Companies are more productive, fewer people are seeking unemployment benefits and service companies are adding jobs. Ideally, those trends could signal stronger growth, followed by more hiring. Yet until consumers consistently spend more, businesses are unlikely to hire enough to drive down unemployment. But more consumers need jobs and raises to keep spending enough to help the economy grow. The paradox has kept the economy from thriving more than two years after the recession officially ended. It's also why economists think the unemployment rate stayed at 9.1 percent for a fourth straight month in October. The government will issue the October jobs report Friday. "We're creating jobs, but it's not enough to ... increase wages measurably," said Ellen Zentner, an economist at Nomura Securities. Thursday data reinforced that message. Weekly applications for unemployment benefits dropped to a seasonally adjusted 397,000, the Labor Department said. It's only the third time since April that applications have fallen below 400,000.

YOUR OFFICE COACH
Wise workers look in mirror after firing

By MARIE G. MCINTYRE
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

QUESTION: If a person is fired because of their attitude or behavior, what can they do to keep this from happening again when they get a new job?
ANSWER: First of all, kudos to you for asking the question. Far too many terminated employees learn nothing from the experience because they automatically blame others for their difficulties. As a result, they repeat the same self-destructive pattern in job after job. To avoid this fate, you must first figure out how you managed to alienate the people who controlled your paycheck. Even if you have a different opinion, you still need to know exactly why management began to view you as a problem. If you lack this understanding, contact your former boss or human resources manager and ask what you could have done differently that might have saved your job. Listen to the answer without argument or debate, then thank them for talking with you. If this feedback puzzles you, get a second opinion from family members, former co-workers or trusted friends.

Next, clearly define any changes you wish to make. Identify the specific circumstances that trigger your detrimental behaviors, then decide how you will respond to such challenges in the future. When these situations arise, as they inevitably will, make every effort to manage your emotions and react professionally. While some behaviors are easily altered, others have more deep-seated origins. If your self-help project proves to be a struggle, seek advice from a professional coach or counselor who specializes in workplace issues. **Q: After being promoted to manager, I began supervising my former co-workers, including my friend "Alicia." Everything was fine until Alicia had a major conflict with an employee who complained to higher management. I was told to resolve the issue, so I had to reprimand Alicia for the way she handled the situation. Alicia now seems very bitter and is obviously unhappy with me. I would like to talk with her about this, but I'm not sure what to say. Do you have any suggestions?**
A: The transition from buddy

to boss is never easy, because it represents a significant power shift. You and your friend were accustomed to relating as equals, but now you're responsible for reviewing her performance. This adjustment can be extremely unsettling, so the best approach is to address it head-on. Start by acknowledging the change, then set the stage for a new way of relating. For example: "Alicia, I know you're upset with me because of the incident with Mary. That situation was difficult for me as well, because I'm still getting used to being a manager and giving people feedback about their work. However, my hope is that you and I can still communicate openly, because I will also need feedback in this new role." The one thing you cannot tell Alicia is that you would like to have the same relationship as before. Now that you're the boss, that will be completely impossible. Marie G. McIntyre is a workplace coach and the author of *Secrets to Winning at Office Politics*. Send in questions and get free coaching tips at <http://www.yourofficecoach.com>, or follow her on Twitter @office-coach.

Biggest jump ever seen in global warming gases

WASHINGTON (AP)—The global output of heat-trapping carbon dioxide jumped by the biggest amount on record, the U.S. Department of Energy calculated, a sign of how feeble the world's efforts are at slowing man-made global warming. The new figures for 2010 mean that levels of greenhouse gases are higher than the worst case scenario outlined by climate experts just four years ago. "The more we talk about the need to control emissions, the more they are growing," said John Reilly, co-director of MIT's Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change. The world pumped about 564

million more tons (512 million metric tons) of carbon into the air in 2010 than it did in 2009. That's an increase of 6 percent. That amount of extra pollution eclipses the individual emissions of all but three countries—China, the United States and India, the world's top producers of greenhouse gases. It is a "monster" increase that is unheard of, said Gregg Marland, a professor of geology at Appalachian State University, who has helped calculate Department of Energy figures in the past. Extra pollution in China and the U.S. account for more than half the increase in emissions

last year, Marland said. "It's a big jump," said Tom Boden, director of the Energy Department's Carbon Dioxide Information Analysis Center at Oak Ridge National Lab. "From an emissions standpoint, the global financial crisis seems to be over." Boden said that in 2010 people were traveling, and manufacturing was back up worldwide, spurring the use of fossil fuels, the chief contributor of man-made climate change. India and China are huge users of coal. Burning coal is the biggest carbon source worldwide and emissions from that jumped nearly 8 percent in 2010.

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Nation

US report blasts China, Russia for cybercrime

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. intelligence officials accused China and Russia on Thursday of systematically stealing American high-tech data for their own national economic gain.

It was the most forceful and detailed public airing of U.S. allegations after years of private complaints. U.S. officials and cybersecurity experts said the U.S. must openly confront China and Russia in a broad diplomatic push to combat cyberattacks that are on the rise and represent a “persistent threat to U.S. economic security.”

But experts said solving the problem won't be easy.

In a report released Thursday, U.S. intelligence agencies said “the governments of China and Russia will remain aggressive and capable collectors of sensitive U.S. economic information and technologies, particularly in cyberspace.”

Speaking at a forum at the National Press Club, Robert Bryant, the national counterintelligence executive, said the U.S. is finally making the charges public because China and Russia are stealing sensitive U.S. technology data.

If Russia and China build their economies on stolen U.S.

data, “that’s not right,” Bryant said. “We want to basically point out what the issue is. We want to be worried and we want to be careful, but we also want there to be an awareness and, frankly, drive that toward solutions where we work together to bring this under control.”

The report is part of an increased effort by U.S. officials to highlight the risks of cyberattacks in a growing high-tech society. People, businesses and governments are storing an increasing amount of valuable and sensitive information online or accessing data through mo-

bile devices that may not be as secure as some computers.

The Obama administration has urged individuals and the corporate world to better protect their data. Thursday’s report is a clarion call, cybersecurity experts said.

“We should have done this years ago,” said James Lewis, cybersecurity expert and senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. “We’ve pretended it hasn’t been happening, but that’s not the case. I hope this is the first in a series of documents that lays out the huge problem the U.S. is facing.”

Occupy protesters disavow Oakland violence

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP)—Occupy Wall Street protesters had just a few hours to celebrate what they saw as their biggest victory so far: the peaceful shutdown of the nation’s fifth-busiest port. Then the rioting began.

A day after some protesters clashed with riot police, set fires and shattered windows in Oakland, Calif., demonstrators across the country condemned the violence and wondered whether it was a turn that would destroy their cause.

“They don’t speak for the majority of people who were here yesterday,” said Hadas Alterman, a college student who was gathering trash at a tent camp near Oakland City Hall. “That was an hour of action, and we were out here for 12 hours and it was peaceful.”

The protest outside the port, which reopened Thursday, represented an escalation in tactics as demonstrators targeted a major symbol of the nation’s commerce with peaceful rallies and sit-ins.

The violence that followed, however, raised questions about whether a movement with no organizational structure and no high-profile leaders can do anything to stop those they called troublemakers.

So far, few cities have reached the level of Oakland,



Glass is repaired at Tully's Coffee shop in downtown Oakland, Calif., Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011 after a Occupy Wall Street protest earlier.

a unique place with a long history of tensions between residents and police.

Bob Norkus at the Occupy Boston camp said the riots didn't represent the broader movement and likely wouldn't have a lasting effect on it, either. The move-

ment is still evolving and mistakes are inevitable, he said.

It “has to be nonviolent, or else it will just end. We won’t get the support,” he said. “It doesn’t mean you can’t agitate people. But you can’t also be breaking windows and burning.”

Judge: Daughter posted beating video out of spite

McALLEN, Texas (AP)—A Texas judge who presides over child abuse cases said Thursday that his daughter posted a YouTube video of him beating her several years ago because he told her he was reducing her financial support and taking away her Mercedes.

Aransas County Court-at-Law Judge William Adams, 51, issued a statement through his lawyer in which he questioned his 23-year-old daughter Hillary’s motives for posting the secretly made 2004 video online last week. The three-page statement did not include an apology for the beating, in which the

judge lashed his daughter with a belt 17 times in the legs while she begged him to stop.

Police launched an investigation into the beating on Wednesday, and on Thursday, the state Department of Family and Protective Services confirmed that it had requested that Adams not handle any of its cases while it conducts its own investigation.

Patrick Crimmins, a spokesman for the agency, declined to elaborate on the exact nature of the investigation. But he said in general, the agency would only investigate a case in which a suspected abuse victim has already reached adulthood if there are still

children in the home who could be at risk. Adams was granted joint custody of his 10-year-old daughter in his 2007 divorce.

There are no allegations of alleged abuse by Adams against his younger daughter, who primarily resides with her mother, Hallie Adams. Crimmins declined to say whether his agency is investigating the parental fitness of Hallie Adams, who lashed Hillary once during the 2004 beating.

Crimmins said his agency ordinarily wouldn’t disclose that its investigations, but it did in this case because the investigation is the reason it requested

Police in riot gear arrested more than 80 protesters in downtown Oakland, where bands of masked protesters took over a vacant building, erected roadblocks and threw chunks of concrete and firebombs. Five people and several officers were injured.

that William Adams not be assigned to its cases.

Adams, Aransas County’s top judge, was elected in 2001 and has dealt with at least 349 family law cases in the past year alone, nearly 50 of which involved state caseworkers seeking to determine whether parents were fit to raise their children.

In the video, which has been viewed on YouTube more than 2.4 million times, the judge lashes his then 16-year-old daughter with a belt while she wailed and pleaded with him to stop. At the beginning of the video he tells his wife to get his younger daughter out of the room.

Giant sequoia falls, raising questions about what to do next

LOS ANGELES—Along the Sierra Nevada’s famed Trail of 100 Giants, the mammoth sequoia had stood sentry since King Arthur’s knights gathered at the Round Table.

It witnessed the arrival of the first European settlers and the flurry of miners in search of gold. The onset of the Medieval Warm Period and the passing of the Little Ice Age. It stood, unperturbed, through the Great War and the one that followed.

Then a month ago, as a handful of amazed tourists looked on, it toppled—crushing a bridge over a small stream and blocking the path.

Now, the U.S. Forest Service must decide what to do.

Slice a big hole in the 300-foot-long roadblock? Go around it? Over it? Under it?

When you’re dealing

with a 1,500-year-old sequoia in a national monument, the questions aren’t just logistical. They’re environmental, emotive and potentially legal.

Officials closed the popular tourist trail, cleared the debris and solicited ideas from the public on how to deal with the fallen giant—actually two trees fused at the base.

Among the 30 or so suggestions: Reroute the trail. Tunnel under the trunks. Carve steps and build a bridge over them. Sell what would be one heck of a lot of firewood.

“This has not happened in the Sequoia National Forest before,” said public affairs officer Denise Alonzo, explaining the indecision.

The now-prone twins—two-thirds the height of Los Angeles City Hall—were among the bigger specimens in Long Meadow Grove, part of the Giant Sequoia National Monument. About 17 feet in diameter at their common base, the trees are middle-aged for giant sequoias, which can live 4,000 years and have the greatest mass of any living organism on Earth.

The Forest Service isn’t sure why the trees hit the dirt Sept. 30, because they appeared to be healthy.

A German tourist, one of only a few people on the 1.3-mile loop trail at the time, recorded the crash on video.

“It can’t be possible,” Gerrit Panzner told the Visalia Times about what went through his mind when he realized the sequoias were falling.

“I wasn’t afraid,” said his wife, Sigrun Rakus. Her only thought was to get out of the way.

The trees may have toppled because the wet winter left the ground too soggy to hold the roots, which are relatively shallow.

“Sequoias do fall. That’s how big sequoias die,” said Nathan Stephenson of the U.S. Geological Survey. “It’s never anything that I consider with alarm.”

After a wet winter in 1969, he said, one of the giants fell in a picnic area of nearby Sequoia National Park and killed a woman. Over the years, there have been a couple that thud-

ded onto trails in the park. Officials cut openings in the downed trees to allow visitors to pass through, as well as to give tourists an appreciation

for their immense size.

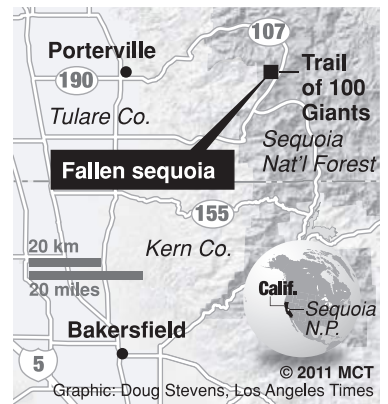
When the Trail of 100 Giants was built several decades ago, it actually was routed around a long-fallen sequoia. Since the Forest Service reopened the path more than a week ago, visitors have been climbing on the hulking trunks and treading where only birds and animals have been for more than a millennium.

“We got up there and everybody was just in awe of what was in front of them,” Alonzo said. “And until the snow falls, it’s open for anybody to go up and visit.”

In considering its options, the Forest Service wants to keep the paved path accessible to the disabled and make sure nothing is done to damage the root systems of surrounding trees, Alonzo said.

Ara Marderosian, executive director of the environmental group Sequoia ForestKeeper, knows exactly what the Forest Service should do.

Nothing. “I thought it was a great classroom for what nature does,” said Marderosian, who submitted a three-page letter to the agency after visiting the grove. “It’s quite a beautiful sight to see on the ground the way it is.”



Asia

4 dead, 57 trapped in China coal mine rock blast

Girl, 3, eats leftovers for 2 days after mom dies

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—A 3-year-old girl comforted herself with her favorite toy and ate cheese, leftover lasagna and milk for two days after her mother died unexpectedly in their New Zealand home.

The girl's uncle, Pete Silbery, told The Associated Press on Friday that Shylah Silbery managed to open the fridge and comfort herself with a teddy bear named "Possum" after Lauren Silbery, 28, died.

The family last spoke to Lauren Silbery on Oct. 19, he said. Two days later, they were worried enough to call a friend who lived near her Wellington home. The friend could see the girl inside the home, but not the mother, prompting the family to call police, Pete Silbery said.

Police coaxed Shylah to drag a coffee table to the door so she could reach the lock and unlock the door, before she told them, "Mummy won't wake up," Silbery said.

"I can only imagine her in there for that long, trying to wake Mum up as well," he said.

Shylah spent several days in a hospital recovering from dehydration and diaper rash.

"She's doing OK now. She's still bubbly," he said. "When we lowered the coffin into the grave at the cemetery, though, she pointed at it and said 'Mummy's in there.' It was pretty heartbreaking."

Authorities are awaiting the results of an autopsy but don't believe Lauren Silbery's death was suspicious, Wellington police spokesman Victoria Davis said.

BEIJING (AP)—Rescuers were working Friday to try to save 57 miners who were trapped in a coal mine in central China after a rock explosion that followed a small earthquake, state media reported. Four miners were killed in the blast.

The accident in the coal mine in the city of Sanmenxia in Henan province occurred Thursday evening when 75 miners were working in the shaft, the official Xinhua News Agency said. Fourteen workers escaped.

At least 200 workers were digging a small rescue tunnel about

1,650 feet (500 meters) deep to try to reach the trapped miners, the People's Daily newspaper's website said.

The Qianqiu Coal Mine belongs to Yima Coal Group, a large state-owned coal company in Henan, the State Administration of Work Safety said on its website.

Xinhua said a magnitude-2.9 earthquake occurred to the east of Sanmenxia and that the rock explosion happened about 30 minutes later.

The phenomenon known as a "rock burst" occurs when set-

ting layers of earth bear down on the walls of a mine and result in a sudden, catastrophic release of stored energy. Exploding pillars can turn chunks of rock or coal into deadly missiles, and the shock waves alone can be lethal.

The survival of the trapped miners depends on the intensity of the rock explosion and the rescuers' ability to provide ventilation to them, a local official told The Associated Press.

"If it was not very strong, it might have caused the tunnel to get narrower, but we might still be able to send some air in there

to ensure ventilation," said the Yima city Communist Party's head of propaganda, who would give only his surname, Tian, as is common with Chinese officials.

"But if the impact was pretty strong and caused the tunnel walls to collapse, then the ventilation was probably cut off immediately, suffocating the people trapped there. In that case it would be hard to rescue them," Tian said.

Tian said it was difficult to determine how deep in the mine the trapped workers were.

According to Xinhua, workers were digging a tunnel about

830 yards (760 meters) long, but after the rock burst, the tunnel appeared to have "basically folded" a little more than halfway down the passage, at 525 yards (480 meters). It was unclear what the condition of the tunnel was beyond that point, Xinhua said.

China's coal mines are the most dangerous in the world, although the industry's safety record has improved in recent years as smaller, illegal mines have been closed. Annual fatalities are now about one-third of the high of nearly 7,000 in 2002.

Trash, sewage boost disease risk in Bangkok floods

BANGKOK (AP)—Samroeng Verravanich wades through the rancid brown water in one of Bangkok's many flooded streets. The garbageman plunges a white-gloved hand into the filth, fishes out a slimy plastic bag and slings it into the red basket he's towing.

"If you have cuts, it can create

infections between your fingers," Samroeng says of the dirty water, holding out a dripping hand peppered with a red rash. "My hands got infected. It hurts and it spreads too—like a virus."

As Thailand's worst floods in more than half a century continue to creep into Bangkok, mixing with water bubbling up



AP
Thai residents are transported in a truck through a flooded street in Bangkok, Thailand, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011.

Disease risk in water

The primary risk following a flood is diseases spread by contaminated water:

Initial risk

Diarrhea

Acute watery diarrhea causes dehydration

Most at risk Age 5 and younger; those who are sick, elderly, pregnant

Cholera

Causes severe diarrhea, vomiting, organ failure

Risk Can spread rapidly in areas with poor sanitation; bacterium spreads in human feces

Typhoid

Causes fever, headache, abdominal cramps, diarrhea

Risk Passed on by contaminated food, water

Hepatitis A

Flu-like symptoms, high fever

Risk Passed on by contaminated food, water

Within two weeks

Malaria

Can kill by causing anemia or clogging capillaries

Risk Passed on by mosquitoes; parasite infects liver

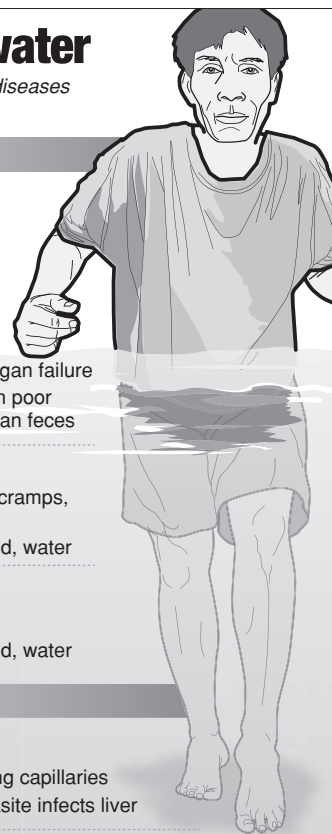
Dengue fever

Causes fever, joint and muscle pain, severe bleeding

Risk Passed on by mosquitoes; disease is endemic

Source: World Health Organization

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through drains and spilling over canals, many streets have become floating landfills. Plastic bags overflowing with waste and rotten food cling to boats, cars, motorbikes and people as they slowly snake through inundated roadways. Raw sewage and animal carcasses can be seen bobbing in waters ripe for disease.

No major outbreaks have been reported since monster monsoon rains spawned floods that began swallowing areas north of the capital in late July. But experts warn the biggest health threats will likely emerge in the coming weeks after moving floodwaters subside, leaving stale pools.

"There's a lot of danger around it," says Mark Thomas, a spokesman for UNICEF, which is assisting with sanitation issues. "You need to keep kids

out of the water, and everybody should stay out of the water as much as possible."

Mosquito-borne diseases, such as dengue fever, are a concern as well as eye infections and water-borne ailments that can lead to diarrhea and severe dehydration.

Skin diseases and fungal infections are the flood's biggest plague so far, with nearly 100,000 cases of athlete's foot reported. Bouts of diarrhea and respiratory infections are also common, especially with many flood victims sheltering in hot, cramped sites that may not have electricity or clean water.

Some 110,000 people have been displaced nationwide and more than 400 killed, mostly from drowning, since the waters started inundating millions of farm acres before seeping into

Bangkok on their way to the sea.

On Thursday, Bangkok's governor declared Bang Khae district in the west an evacuation zone, meaning residents in eight of the city's 50 districts have now been strongly urged to move their belongings to higher ground and leave.

Floodwaters have been spreading faster on the western side of the Chao Phraya river, which winds its way through the middle of the city, than the water creeping down the eastern bank toward the central business district.

Many submerged homes no longer have running water or working toilets, forcing remaining residents to bathe and defecate in the open, often in waters surrounding their homes. That waste can be spread into water where children play.

ASIA BRIEFS

Nun dies in 11th self-immolation among Tibetans

BEIJING (AP)—A Buddhist nun died after setting herself on fire Thursday, Chinese state media reported, in the 11th case of self-immolation among Tibetans in western China in recent months. The official Xinhua News Agency said it was unclear why the woman, about 35 years old and identified as Qiu Xiang, killed herself along a road in Sichuan province's Garze prefecture. But the nine other men and one woman who have set themselves on fire since March were seen as having acted in protest to Chinese restrictions on the Tibetan religion and culture.

Interpol launches campaign to save Asian tigers

HANOI, Vietnam (AP)—Interpol has launched a campaign to help save the world's last wild tigers in the 13 Asian countries where they still exist, winning praise from conservationists. The project will link international wildlife officials with customs and law enforcement officers in the 13 nations to help stem poaching and smuggling of tiger parts for use in expensive traditional medicines. Poaching

and habitat fragmentation have caused Asia's wild tiger population to decline from about 100,000 in 1900 to fewer than 3,500 today, according to Interpol.

Police bust baby trafficking ring in eastern China

BEIJING (AP)—Police in eastern China have busted a human trafficking ring involving poor migrant couples who were selling their babies, a state-run newspaper reported Friday. Police in Shandong province's Zoucheng city found last month that 17 infants had been sold in the city to Chinese buyers, the Global Times newspaper said. Police rescued 13 of the babies and sent them to welfare centers, and a search is under way for the other four, the paper said. The report cited an investigating police officer as saying the couples were mainly migrants who had moved from poor areas in Sichuan province in southwest China to Zoucheng to seek work.

Suspected US missiles kill 2 in Pakistan

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP)—A suspected U.S. drone fired two

missiles at a house in Pakistan's rugged tribal region Thursday, killing two insurgents from the Haqqani network—considered the most dangerous militant group fighting U.S. forces in neighboring Afghanistan, Pakistani intelligence officials said. The strike occurred only a few miles (kilometers) from the main Islamic school run by the Haqqanis near Miran Shah, the largest town in the North Waziristan tribal area, said the officials. The missiles hit the house five minutes apart.

Suicide bombers, insurgents attack NATO contractor

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Two suicide bombers blew up a car packed with explosives at the entrance to a compound housing NATO contractors in western Afghanistan Thursday, then three gunmen rushed in and held employees hostage during a gunbattle, officials said. Two guards and all the attackers were killed. The assault came just days after the Taliban launched a brazen, two-pronged assault on a compound housing U.N. and international aid groups offices in southern Afghanistan. Five people were killed in that attack, including three working with the U.N.'s refugee organization.

World

Papandreou takes big gamble with future, and loses

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—George Papandreou is used to getting his way.

The scion of Greece's leading political dynasty, he has been comfortable with power from an early age. His father and grandfather were both prime ministers, towering figures in postwar Greece, and like them he has honed the art of the political gamble. His call for a referendum on Greece's rescue package may have been one gamble too far.

Papandreou on Thursday was forced into a humiliating about-face after returning from the G-20 summit in France to face a mutiny in his own Cabinet over the shock announcement that some have likened to a game of chicken over the future of Europe.

Outwardly mild-mannered and professorial, Papandreou has shared the willful intransigence of his late father, Andreas, and grandfather, also named George.

Like them, he has built a reputation for political risk-taking since taking over the Socialist Party in 2004, winning a general election on his third attempt, staging successful comebacks after commentators had repeatedly written him off.

He's also something of a paradox—the quintessential insider haunted by a sense of being an outsider.

His childhood in St. Paul Minnesota, where his father taught at university, won him the nickname "George the American." He studied at Amherst College and Harvard University. During anti-government rallies, protesters have chanted "George, Go Home!"

He casts himself as a modernizer out to rid Greece of a legacy of nepotism, and is himself perceived as the ultimate beneficiary of an entrenched system of patronage.

Papandreou has another nickname: "Giorgakis"—little George. It's a dig at the sense of inherited power and also reflects the growing view that the current prime minister lacks the leadership skills and inspirational charisma of the elder Papandreou.

Papandreou came to power two years ago as the country sank into financial crisis, as the extent of the country's staggering debt—long concealed through creative accounting—became apparent to investors and Greece's alarmed euro-

zone partners.

He appeared determined to adopt an uncompromising leadership style, once associated with his father, who founded the party in 1974. As George Papandreou's new government desperately sought to save public money, slashing pensions and salaries and heaping new taxes on ordinary Greeks, Socialist dissenters were routinely expelled from parliament, wearing down his majority in parliament from a healthy 10 seats to just two.

The Socialist mandate from its 2009 landslide election victory relentlessly gave way to popular rage, with 90 percent of Greeks now opposing Papandreou's policies and his party polling just 20 percent public support, according to opinion surveys in recent weeks.

Still, Papandreou plowed on, ignoring calls to resign and rebuffing appeals for a power-sharing deal with the opposition Conservatives.

The growing anti-Papandreou coalition housed radically different agendas: Vehemently anti-EU communists, once pro-Socialist unions, liberals angry at the slow pace of reform, tax payers furious at corruption, opposition parties happy to see the Socialists take a beating for economic austerity.

As his grip on power loosened, Papandreou sought to take his government's tough choices straight to the people—a bold gambit that is now looking like an act of reckless folly.

The announcement Monday took the world and even his own ministers by surprise. But the longwinded delivery was familiar: an hourlong speech defending his party's actions and principles, ending with the political bombshell.

World markets tanked and European leaders openly ex-

pressed their disbelief, but Papandreou stubbornly stuck to arguments.

Back in Athens, Papandreou was immediately confronted by ministers who told him last gam-

ble had backfired. Government officials eventually said the referendum had been dropped.

"At this very difficult moment for Greece, the priorities are clear: We must remain in the

euro," Education Minister Anna Diamantopoulou said.

The respected conservative daily Kathimerini described him Thursday as the "fatal prime minister."

New law will let Cubans buy and sell real estate

HAVANA (AP)—For the first time in a half-century, Cubans will be allowed to buy and sell real estate openly, bequeath property to relatives without restriction and avoid forfeiting their homes if they abandon the country.

The highly anticipated new rules instantly transform islanders' cramped, dilapidated homes into potential liquid assets in the most significant reform yet adopted by President Raul Castro since he took over the communist country from his brother in 2008.

But plenty of restrictions remain.

Cuban exiles continue to be barred from owning property on the island, though they can

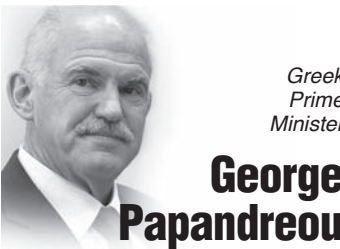
presumably help relatives make purchases by sending money. And foreigners can also hold off on dreams of acquiring a pied-a-terre under the Caribbean sun, since only citizens and permanent residents are eligible.

The law, which takes effect Nov. 10, limits Cubans to owning one home in the city and another in the country, an effort to prevent speculative buying and the accumulation of large real estate holdings. While few Cubans have the money to start a real estate empire, many city dwellers have struggled over the years to maintain title to family homes in the countryside, and the new law legalizes the practice.

The change follows Octo-

ber's legalization of buying and selling cars, though with restrictions that still make it hard for ordinary Cubans to buy new vehicles. The government has also allowed citizens to go into business for themselves in a number of approved jobs—everything from party clowns to food vendors and accountants—and permitted them to rent out rooms and cars.

While Castro has stressed that there will be no departure from Cuba's socialist model, he has also pledged to streamline the state-dominated economy by eliminating hundreds of thousands of state jobs and ending generous subsidies the state can no longer afford.



Greek Prime Minister

George Papandreou

Early life

Born 1952, in St. Paul, Minn.

Education B.A. Amherst College, M.S. London School of Economics

Family Son of former Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou; married, two children

Political career

1981 Elected to Greek parliament

1997 Led the successful bid for the 2004 Olympic Games

1999-2004 Foreign minister; negotiated better relations with Turkey and Albania

2004 In first open primary, elected leader of PASOK party; two election defeats before taking post as prime minister

Economic crisis

2009 Inaugurated as prime minister; later discovers actual finances of country were worse than expected

May 2011 Protests begin over Greek economic crisis

June 2011 Narrowly survives vote of confidence with 155 of the 300 seats in Parliament

Nov. 1, 2011 Opponents call for his resignation over a referendum on the proposed EU bailout

Source: BBC, MCT Photo Service
Graphic: Melina Yingling © 2011 MCT

Mexican mayor slain ahead of elections

MORELIA, Mexico (AP)—

The mayor of La Piedad was handing out campaign fliers outside a fast-food restaurant when a black SUV pulled up, a hand holding a pistol appeared at its window, and he went down with a shot.

Ricardo Guzman, 45, died late Wednesday in an ambulance racing to the hospital, one of more than two dozen Mexican mayors who've been assassinated since 2006, the majority presumed victims of drug violence.

But Guzman's killing raised new questions about organized crime's impact on Mexico's democracy, specifically the Nov. 13 elections in the western state of Michoacan, where Guzman had been handing out campaign material for gubernatorial candidate Luisa Maria Calderon, President Felipe

Calderon's sister.

Before Guzman's assassination, polling firm workers were kidnapped in August while trying to conduct surveys on the election, though they were later released unharmed. The three major political parties all say they have local candidates who have received some kind of pressure or threats in the Calderon family home state, where the president launched his drug war five years ago.

Michoacan "appears to be the state that is most infected with narco-politics," said political analyst and columnist Raymundo Riva Palacio. He noted that while mayoral candidates, and even one gubernatorial candidate, have been killed in other states, nowhere is the cartel pressure on candidates as

systematic as in Michoacan.

The Calderons, like Guzman, are all in the conservative National Action Party, or PAN. When asked by local media Thursday if she thought a drug gang may have been involved in Guzman's death, Luisa Maria Calderon said, "Probably."

"I don't think he had any political enemies," she said.

"He stayed to defend his city from the incursion of organized groups, and his police force had suffered casualties," Calderon said. "He told me 'I'm going to stay in my city, to protect it.'" Gunmen killed La Piedad police chief Jose Luis Guerrero in March, just a couple of months after he took the job. Shell casings from AK-47 assault rifles, the cartels' favored weapon, were found littered at the scene.



Nilda Bouzo, right, speaks with her husband Ives Lopez next to a sign that reads in Spanish "Exchange Apartment Two for One" in their home balcony in Havana, Cuba, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011.

Ireland to close embassies to Vatican, 2 others

DUBLIN (AP)—Ireland announced Thursday it is closing its embassies to the Vatican and two other nations, but denied that its deteriorating relations with the Catholic Church played a role in its choice of cuts.

Foreign Minister Eamon Gilmore said Ireland was under grave financial pressure as it tries to slash spending in line with its international bailout last year. He said a review determined that Ireland's diplomatic posts to the Vatican, Iran and Timor Leste offered the least returns in foreign investment.

"The government believes that Ireland's interests with the Holy See can be sufficiently represented by a non-resident ambassador," Gilmore said, suggesting that a diplomat based in another European country would be assigned the Vatican brief too.

In Rome, the Vatican like-

wise dismissed concerns that the Irish were sending another rebuke to the Catholic Church over its cover-ups of decades of child abuse in Ireland.

"What is important are the diplomatic relations between the Holy See and states, and these aren't in question concerning Ireland," said the Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi.

But Catholic leaders in Ireland expressed dismay and pleaded for an early reversal of the decision. They noted that the Vatican was among the first foreign governments to recognize Irish independence in the 1920s from Britain.

"This decision seems to show little regard for the important role played by the Holy See in international relations and of the historic ties between the Irish people and the Holy See over many centuries," said Cardinal

Sean Brady, leader of Ireland's 4 million Catholics.

In July, Prime Minister Enda Kenny condemned the Vatican and accused it of trying to undermine a string of Irish investigations into the scale of child abuse and its concealment. The Vatican published a detailed rebuttal two months later.

Ireland, like many nations, has long maintained two diplomatic posts in Rome: One for the Vatican, the other for Italy. The practice reflects the Vatican's growing insistence since the 1920s that it must be treated diplomatically as a separate state from Italy.

Gilmore says Ireland will move its Italian embassy into the villa currently used by its Vatican staff, a move that could save Irish taxpayers around euro2.4 million (\$3.3 million) annually, the cost of its current Italian embassy operation.

YoungStyle

Following Bieber, comes an influx of young singers

By MESFIN FEKADU
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK (AP)—The kids are all right—at least in the music industry.

Take Justin Bieber: He's 17, has released three platinum efforts, earned Grammy nominations, released a top-selling movie and has sold out arenas around the world, putting him in the elite echelon of pop superstars.

But Bieber isn't the only young singer blazing the charts and outdoing his elders. Scotty McCreery was crowned "American Idol" champion this year and last month, the now 18-year-old became the youngest male to have his debut album open at No. 1 on Billboard's 200 albums chart.

Eleven-year-old Jackie Evancho has sold more than 1.5 million copies of her Christmas EP and her debut album, and has another Christmas project on the way; Willow Smith had grown people dancing in the clubs with her song "Whip My Hair"; and even 14-year-old Rebecca Black, though heavily ridiculed, had a viral hit with her song and music video "Friday."

Taylor Swift was only 16 when she released her 2006 self-titled, now multi-platinum debut. The country star believes young performers shouldn't be boxed into a "kids" category.

"I think an artist represents a certain thing that is all their own, and their age doesn't really have too much to do with it, in my opinion," the 21-year-old said.

Bieber, who came on the scene in 2009, knows fame can be fleeting, so he advises newcomers to "make sure you hold on to it and make sure you remember why you're in this position and not get lost in yourself."

Here's a look at three emerging acts poised to follow in Bieber and Swift's footsteps.

CODY SIMPSON, 14

Cody Simpson was already a star on the rise, but the addition of Bieber's manager makes his ascension seem guaranteed.

"I'm really excited that we have someone with so much influence, and he definitely, really believes in me," Simpson said of Scooter Braun. "We have big plans for the future."

Like Bieber, Simpson is taking a slow approach with releasing music: He released his first EP last December, and dropped another last month.

"When I put out a full-length album, I want it to be like, 'Bam!' And I think I definitely put out these two EPs to grow as an artist (and) to figure out my sound," he said.

Simpson's also growing as a person: The Australian traded a life on the beach for the hustle and bustle of New York City.

"It's a very different lifestyle than I was living before," said Simpson, who has surfer-boy looks and stands at 5'10.

His latest EP "Coast to Coast"—which debuted at No. 12 on the Billboard charts—ranges from up-tempo pop to R&B-flavored ballads. He also has a range of musical influences.

"I actually grew up listening to country music," he said. "I was a big fan of Johnny Cash and Keith Urban ... and then I started discovering different genres of music and I started becoming (a) big fan of like Justin Timberlake and Chris Brown."

But Simpson—who will start to record his first album this month—says he's leaning toward a sound like Jack Johnson and Bruno Mars.

"That's the type of music I will transition into, or just grow into," he said.



In this Sept. 28, 2011 file photo, singer Cody Simpson, 14, poses for photos during an interview in New York.



In this April 2, 2011 file photo, members of Mindless Behavior, from left, Roc Royal, Prodigy, Princeton and Ray Ray arrive at Nickelodeon's 24th Annual Kids' Choice Awards in Los Angeles.

MINDLESS BEHAVIOR (Prodigy, Princeton, Ray Ray, Roc Royal), 14

For Mindless Behavior member Princeton, being in a boy band is more than just a career opportunity.

"It's really cool to me because growing up as a child, my mom didn't have any other kids, so being in this group, it's like I have three brothers," he said. "We're all similar and different in many ways, so we get along perfectly."

Prodigy, Ray Ray and Roc Royal round out the Los Angeles-based quartet. Roc Royal says the boys have been influenced by the Jackson 5, New Edition and B2K, and while their female fan base may not be as large, they are just as frenetic.

"Most of our songs talk about girls and everyone can relate to our songs," Roc Royal said. "We're looking for our No. 1 girl. That's why we named the album '(hash)1 Girl.'"

Their debut landed at No. 2 and No. 7 on the Billboard R&B and Top 200 albums chart, respectively.

The R&B-pop group also hit the No. 1 spot on BET's "106 & Park" with their music video for "Mrs. Right" and earned a nomination for viewer's choice at the channel's award show this year.

ONLINE

<http://www.codysimpson.com/>
<http://www.mindlessbehavior.com/>
<http://dionnebromfieldmusic.com/>

They have toured with Jason Derulo, the Backstreet Boys and Justin Bieber, who encouraged the 14-year-olds to "stay together, stay humble and stay kids while you're in this business," Princeton recalled.

They also hit the road with Janet Jackson, who gave them iPods.

"She actually gave us a good compliment, she said we reminded her of her brothers when she was younger," Roc Royal said.

DIONNE BROMFIELD, 15

What Dionne Bromfield learned from her godmother—the late Amy Winehouse—was to write her own songs.

But Bromfield was only 12 when she started to work on her first album.

"There would have been nothing to write about apart from getting on the bus and going to school," she said, adding with a laugh: "Pretty boring."

Her 2009 debut, "Introducing Dionne Bromfield," was full of Motown covers like "Mama Said" and "Ain't

No Mountain High Enough." Bromfield says growing up, her mother always played soul records and that she's mainly inspired by Aretha Franklin.

"Marvin Gaye is like one of my favorite Motown singers and I remember going in school once like, 'Have you heard of Marvin Gaye?' And everyone was like, 'Who's that? What about Britney Spears? What about Christina Aguilera?'" she recalled. "And I remember 'Ain't No Mountain'—someone actually thought I wrote that song!"

Now, Bromfield has released an album full of songs she mostly co-wrote. She described the recording of "Good for the Soul," done during after-school sessions, as "intense."

"Right now in the U.K., pop's like the biggest thing ... (and) as much as I like pop music, it's not what I want to portray as my style of music, and loads of people really wanted me to do that," she said.

It was released in the United Kingdom nine days after Winehouse's death; a U.S. release is planned for 2012. The album—out on Winehouse's label Lioness Records—is a collection soulful tunes that highlight Bromfield's booming, yet raspy voice. And on some songs, she sounds like a younger Winehouse.

"Amy's voice was Amy's voice, and only Amy can sing how Amy did sing," Bromfield said. "But, you know, I was trained up by her so I do, like, take a lot of characteristics that she had."



In this Oct. 10, 2011 file photo, British singer Dionne Bromfield arrives for the UK Premiere of "Demons Never Die" in central London.

Kids' Kraft: Spooky black cat needs good home

By KATHY ANTONIOTTI
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Shelters across the country are bulging with animals that people have thrown away.

The Humane Society of the United States, sponsor of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week, estimates that shelters care for 6 million to 8 million dogs and cats every year in the United States. As many as half of them are killed each year because homes can't be found for them.

A playful puppy or a cute kitten may be irresistible, but many times people don't understand the commitment that comes along with owning an animal.

After the babies grow up and learn bad habits that could be avoided with

proper training, people decide they don't want the animal after all.

Owners must be prepared to provide proper shelter, nutrition, medical care and training to have a successful relationship with a pet — usually for more than 10 years.

National Shelter Appreciation Week, celebrated the first week of November, is dedicated to educating people about abandoned dogs and cats that are living in foster homes and shelters, waiting for someone to offer them homes.

If your family decides it wants an animal to love, please consider adopting a pet from any of the wonderful shelters in your area.

I made this black cat to represent the millions of animals waiting for homes. I used instructions I found at

<http://www.familycrafts.about.com/od/catcrafts/a/claypotcat.htm> on the Web to make this craft and modified the directions for our use.

Supplies you will need:

- 2-inch terra cotta clay pot.
- 1 1/2-inch wooden ball head.
- Black and white craft foam or felt.
- Black and white acrylic paint.
- Small wiggle eyes.
- Craft glue.
- Clear acrylic spray (optional).
- Paint brushes.
- Scissors.

Paint the clay pot and the wooden ball head black. Put them aside to dry.

Once the paint is dry, flip the clay pot so the bottom is facing up and glue the wooden ball onto the bottom of the clay pot.



PHIL MASTURZO/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL
Make this black cat in honor of National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week.

Glue eyes on the front of the ball.

Use a small paint brush to paint on a white nose, mouth and a line down the front of the pot as if to divide the cat's legs.

Cut a few bristles from the paint brush and glue to the nose for whiskers.

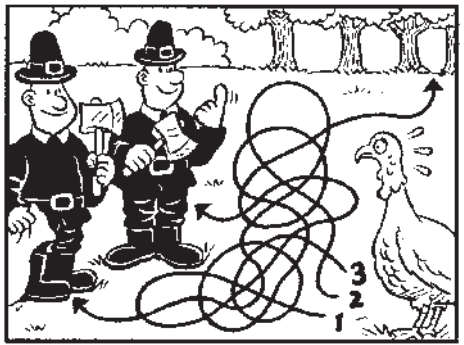
Spray it with the clear acrylic sealer, if you would like.

Cut two ears out of black craft foam or felt and two smaller pieces out of white foam to fit inside. Glue them together, then onto the head.

Cut an S-shaped tail out of craft foam or felt and glue it to the back of your cat.

Cut two half circles out of white fun foam and glue them onto the bottom edge of the clay pot for feet.

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THIS WILD TURKEY has one chance in three of getting to the trees before the hungry Pilgrims catch him. Which route will keep him free?

Answer: Route No. 3 will save him for another year.



DOODLE PICS! The two pictures shown here are graphic presentations of familiar words, phrases or names. You have one minute to identify both.

Answers: 1. Daylight. 2. Banana split.

LINK-UPS! Here's a list of 12 short words, divided into two columns. Turn them into six longer words by linking them together. To do this, draw a line from one word in the left column to one word in the right column.

Answers: Ragout, Ragout, sickled, trampled, upswept, washer, areaway.

Answers: 1. RAG, 2. SICK, 3. TRAM, 4. UPS, 5. WAS, 6. ARE. HER, WEPT, AWAY, OUT, PLED, LED.

Junior Whirl

by Charles Barry Townsend



Illustrated by David Coulson

**HOLE
HOLD
COLD
CORD
CARD**

THAT'S A POKER FACE?
Try acing these five Ladder Puzzles in less than five minutes. In this type of problem you are given a word that must be changed into another word in a series of moves. During each move, you must change one letter in the previous word, so as to form a new word. In our example, we changed HOLE to CARD in four moves. See if you can change the following words in four moves each.

1. JUNK to FOOD
2. TOLL to GATE
3. NECK to LINE
4. HINT to TELL
5. MIME to TALK

Answers: 1. JUNK, FUNK, FUND, FOND, FOOD. 2. TOLL, TALL, TALE, GALE, GATE. 3. NECK, NICK, NICE, LINE. 4. HINT, HILT, TILL, TELL. 5. MIME, MILE, TILE, TALK.

Strange BUT TRUE

by Samantha Weaver

■ It was British writer and humorist Jerome K. Jerome who made the following sage observation: "It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do. There is no fun in doing nothing when you have nothing to do. Wasting time is merely an occupation then, and a most exhausting one. Idleness, like kisses, to be sweet must be stolen."

■ According to an international survey of taxi-cab drivers, passengers who use cabs in London are twice as likely as those in eight other major metropolises to leave a laptop behind when exiting the taxi.

■ Sharks can live for a century or more.

■ Velcro came to market in 1957, after a Swiss inventor named George De Mestral spent nearly 10 years developing the idea. His inspiration came to him in 1948 on a hike, when he had difficulty removing tenacious little burrs from his clothes. He reasoned that if he could create synthetic burrs, they could be used as fasteners.

■ The Parker Brothers game Monopoly is the best-selling game in history. It's available for purchase in 28 countries, and it can be played in 19 different languages.

■ If you speak some French, you might know that the phrase "tout à l'heure" means "see you later." You might not realize, though, that that phrase is the origin of the English term "toodle-oo."

■ Chances are, there's a Park Street in your town. It's the most common street name in the United States.

■ Europe is the only continent without a desert. Even icy Antarctica has deserts—including the world's largest cold desert.

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Thought for the Day: "We need anything politically important rationed out like Pez: small, sweet, and coming out of a funny, plastic head."
—Dennis Miller

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MAGIC MAZE

**AVERAGE FEMALE
HEIGHT LESS
THAN 5 ft. 3 in.**

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Chile, China, Colombia, Gambia, Ghana, Indonesia, Iraq, Japan, Malawi, Mexico, Mongolia, Nigeria, Peru, U.A.E., Vietnam

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GO FIGURE!

by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns of the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

DIFFICULTY: ★★

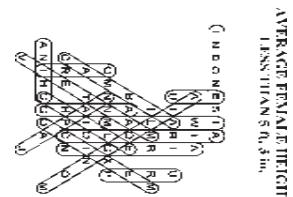
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MAGIC MAZE ANSWER



AVERAGE FEMALE HEIGHT LESS THAN 5 ft. 3 in.

GO FIGURE ANSWER

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Fight skin allergies with custom pet foods

DEAR PAW'S CORNER: I read your article on the Bichon Frise that had skin allergies with interest. My own Bichon Frise, "Ally," had severe skin allergies. The manager of my local pet store recommended that I look for a dry dog food that had a single protein (rather than proteins from different sources). I tried one called "Dick Van Patten's Natural Balance." In a very short time, Ally's skin allergy was cleared up. I hope this information will help your readers.—Dorothy C., Richfield, Minn.

DEAR DOROTHY: Thanks! The type of food recommended is also known as "limited ingredient" food and is developed specifically for pets with sensitive stomachs or that have skin rashes or other allergic reactions to food.

Other manufacturers of limited ingredient pet food include Blue Buffalo with its "Basics" line of foods, Nature's Variety Instinct Limited Ingredient, Wellness Dog Simple Food Solutions, and Pinnacle. Owners whose pets have allergies can try one or more of the foods above to see if the problem clears up.

Another alternative is to make food for your pet from scratch, avoiding or limiting ingredients that can cause an upset stomach or skin reaction.



These ingredients include dairy, fish, corn, wheat, soy and yeast. Beef, chicken, fish or lamb also may cause problems, and owners making homemade food should feed each meat individually to their pet to determine which one is tolerated best.

To make the most nutritious and safest homemade food, owners should check out at least one pet food recipe book. There are some ingredients, like onions, that should never be included in a pet's meal.

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Send your question or comment to ask@pawscorner.com, or write to Paw's Corner, c/o King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. For more pet care-related advice and information, visit www.pawscorner.com.

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Leafless tree bears heartfelt wishes

Biking or walking the pathways around the city lake by my house can provide more than fresh air and exercise. Yes, there are the usual runners, cute babies in strollers and smiling seniors arm in arm, but sometimes a surprise lurks around a bend, just as it did on a recent Saturday morning while jogging through crunchy leaves on the sunny side of the shoreline.

I had no sooner passed the canoe racks when I looked up and saw a bare tree weighted down visually by hundreds of red, yellow, blue, pink and green tags flickering in the gentle breeze and dangling from the lowest branches. A closer look revealed the innermost thoughts of kids and adults who stopped for a moment to write a wish on a tag and hang it from a limb before carrying on.

Inspired by the "wishing tree," I grabbed the pen dangling from its trunk and found myself stopped in my tracks mentally. I wasn't sure what to write. Staring across the lake, I realized how making ONE wish is a special gesture and filled with images common to those who make them—like that awkward pause just before blowing out candles on a birthday cake, the thrill of tossing a coin in the Trevi Fountain, or the memory of humming Disney's "When You Wish Upon a Star" while gazing into the night sky with a child.

Lost in the moment, I began reading the tags above me. They were filled with wishes for good health, the end of the war, equal rights for all, a job, a soulmate with a job, a happy marriage, a grandchild, a greyhound, more snow this winter—and to be able to do a real push-up! Branch upon branch, wish upon wish.

Donna's Day Creative family fun

by Donna Erickson

The public "wishing tree" was an idea born out of freelance copy editor and mom of two preschoolers Deb Arora. "My interest was to create a unique form of community service for my young kids over a long weekend, one they would find fun and interesting. Our ultimate goal was to make people smile," she said.

With Deb's promise to the local park board to remove the "wish tags" before the next rainfall, the leafless tree would bear more than 400 wishes from young and old, to inspire and to bring a dose of joy to the lives of passersby.

Deb and her family hope the "Wishing Tree" will catch on and spark new ideas with other families across the country and that others will feature similar work in public locations or right in their own front yard. Deb has developed a blog for this idea and new projects she has up her sleeve at www.hokeypokeyproject.com.

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Donna Erickson's award-winning series "Donna's Day" is airing on public television nationwide. To find more of her creative family recipes and activities, visit www.donnasday.com and link to the NEW Donna's Day Facebook fan page. Her latest book is "Donna Erickson's Fabulous Funstuff for Families."

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Life & Style

Craig, Bardem star in new Bond thriller 'Skyfall'

LONDON (AP)—Ah, Mr. Bond, we've been waiting for you—and at last 007 is back, several years after his last screen adventure.

Producers announced Thursday that filming has begun on "Skyfall," the delayed 23rd film in the series and Daniel Craig's third outing as the suave British superspy.

Craig, who has brought a hard edge to his portrayal, told reporters that the movie, directed by Sam Mendes and shot in London, Scotland, Turkey and China, would be "Bond with a capital B."

Craig said he was "tremendously excited" to be stepping back into the role for the first time since 2008's "Quantum of Solace."

Work on the film was postponed, and Bond's future looked uncertain, when studio MGM filed for bankruptcy in 2010. But MGM's new management and EON Productions announced earlier this year that the spy would live to fight another day.

Craig will be joined by Spanish star Javier Bardem as Bond's nemesis, while British actors Albert Finney, Ralph Fiennes and Ben Whishaw will play as-yet-undisclosed roles. Judi Dench returns as spy chief M and the film introduces two new Bond girls—English actress Naomie Harris as a field agent named Eve and French performer Berenice Marlohe as "a glamorous, enigmatic character" named Severine.

"There's lots of surprises," said Mendes, who won an Academy Award for his 1999 film "American Beauty."

"I think this has all the elements of a classic Bond movie, including—to

quell any rumors—a lot of action," Mendes said.

Some have questioned the choice of Mendes, best known for his stage work and emotionally intense dramas like "Revolutionary Road" and "The Road to Perdition."

But he and the producers said they did not plan to take the series in a radically new direction.

Producer Michael G. Wilson said the series had "started down a path" with Craig's first appearance as a gruff, muscular Bond in "Casino Royale" in 2006.

"And we're sticking to that path," Wilson said. "An interesting story, well written, with a great cast and plenty of action."

Mendes said action movies were "a world that's new to me, and I've embraced it."

"The action needs to coexist with the drama, and that's the balance we've got to strike," he said.

Filming will take place in London's government district of Whitehall, at Pinewood Studios outside the British capital and on location in Istanbul, Shanghai and the Scottish wilderness.

Early reports that the film would shoot in India and South Africa have not materialized, but the producers insisted they had not trimmed Bond's budget since "Quantum of Solace," which was widely reported to have cost roughly \$200 million.

"It is in the same range as the last one," Wilson said. "We haven't had to change anything in the script to get what we want."



Actors Berenice Marlohe, left, Daniel Craig and Naomie Harris pose for photographs at a photocall for the new James Bond film, at a central London restaurant venue, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011.

Cast members said they had been training hard for their roles—Craig, it seems, by growing the designer stubble he sported at Thursday's press conference.

Bardem joked that the hardest part for him was "learning the English vowels." Harris said she had been doing yoga, learning stunt driving and firing machine guns, "which I've discovered I have a real taste for."

Producers Wilson and Barbara Broccoli—old hands at building suspense around the movies—kept many details under wraps.

Of the plot, they revealed only that "Bond's loyalty to M is tested as her past comes back to haunt her" and MI6 comes under attack.

As for the meaning of the title, Broccoli said it "has some emotional resonance which will be revealed in the film."

Broccoli said the producers hoped Mendes would sign up for a second film, and "definitely" wanted Craig to return as Bond.

"Skyfall" is due to be released on Oct. 26, 2012 in Britain and Nov. 9 in the United States, 50 years since the release of the first 007 film, "Dr. No."

There will be no change to one part of the series' winning formula—attractive women and hunky men. Asked whether Craig and Bardem would take their shirts off, Broccoli sought to reassure fans.

"Damn right," she said.

"If Barbara gets her way," Wilson added, "it'll be more than just their shirts."

Clinton offers job creation policies in new book

NEW YORK (AP)—Former President Bill Clinton says in a new book that last summer's political fight over raising the U.S. debt ceiling made the nation look "weak and confused" overseas and he doesn't know why President Barack Obama didn't seek a hike in the limit when Democrats still controlled both houses of Congress.

He says the final deal did little to create jobs or solve the longer-term debt crisis.

In his book, "Back to Work," Clinton analyzes the factors that contributed to the nation's current economic woes and offers several policy prescriptions he says would create jobs and make the U.S. more competitive. While he generally praises Obama for taking steps to mitigate the financial crisis and deep recession, he also gently dings the president for poor communication and strategic misfires.

The book is scheduled for release next Tuesday by publisher Knopf. The Associated Press bought a copy on Thursday.

Clinton, a Democrat, describes the current state of the country as "a mess" and largely blames the anti-government sentiment embodied in the tea party movement that has held sway since the 1980s. But Clinton also criticizes Obama and other Democratic lawmakers

for not making a stronger case for the steps they took to stabilize the U.S. economy in 2009, like the bank and auto company bailouts and the \$787 billion economic stimulus program.

Campaigning for Democrats in the 2010 midterm elections, Clinton said he took it on himself to explain "in plain language" what Obama and the party had accomplished. He says in the book he was thwarted because Democrats had no national message to counter the anti-government headwinds they were facing.

Clinton says he campaigned that year primarily for candidates and lawmakers who had supported his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton, in her often-bitter primary race against Obama. Hillary Clinton is now secretary of state in the Obama administration and is precluded from political activity.

Bill Clinton says he and Vice President Joe Biden urged the Democratic National Committee to distribute a clear set of talking points to activists so they would know how to discuss what the party had accomplished.

"We couldn't persuade the decision makers to do so," Clinton said.

Democrats suffered historic defeats that year, losing control of the House and giving up several Senate seats.



Case against Michael Jackson's doctor goes to jury

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The trial of Michael Jackson's doctor was transformed Thursday into a contest between the superstar and the physician, with a prosecutor saying Dr. Conrad Murray killed his patient and a defense lawyer blaming Jackson for his own death.

Prosecutor David Walgren called Murray a liar and an opportunist who put his own welfare before that of Jackson.

Defense lawyer Ed Chernoff cast Murray as a victim of Jackson's celebrity, saying he would never have been charged with wrongdoing if his patient was someone other than Jackson.

"If it was anybody else, would this doctor be here today?" Chernoff asked during his closing argument at the involuntary manslaughter trial of Murray.

The case later went to the jury, with deliberations set to begin Friday.

Chernoff said prosecutors hadn't proven that Murray committed a crime by giving Jackson doses of the anesthetic propofol as a sleep aid in the singer's bedroom.

"They want you to convict Dr. Murray for the actions of Michael Jackson," Chernoff said.

Earlier, during his closing argument, Walgren projected images of Jackson's grief-stricken children on a giant screen and told jurors that Murray took away their father.

With Jackson's mother and siblings

watching from the courtroom gallery, Walgren showed a photo of Jackson at his last rehearsal before the picture of the three Jackson children—Prince, Paris and Blanket—at their father's memorial.

He also reminded jurors of the scene in Jackson's bedroom when Paris came upon Murray frantically trying to revive her lifeless father and screamed, "Daddy!"

"For Michael Jackson's children this case goes on forever because they do not have a father," Walgren said. "They do not have a father because of the actions of Conrad Murray."

The prosecutor repeatedly called Murray's treatment of Jackson bizarre and said there was no precedent for the cardiologist giving the singer the powerful anesthetic to help him sleep.

Still, Jackson trusted him and that eventually cost the singer his life, Walgren said.

"Conrad Murray looked out for himself and himself alone," the prosecutor said.

Walgren, in a carefully structured argument enhanced by video excerpts of witness testimony, spoke of the special relationship between a doctor and patient and said Murray had corrupted it in the treatment of his famous client.

Murray violated his medical oath to do no harm and "acted so recklessly that it caused the death of Michael

Jackson," the prosecutor said.

Walgren portrayed Murray as a greedy opportunist who was more concerned with earning \$150,000 a month as Jackson's personal physician and traveling to London for his "This Is It" concert than with the welfare of his patient.

He cited evidence showing Murray did not call 911 after finding Jackson unresponsive. Instead he called Jackson's personal assistant, a decision the prosecutor said was just one of the doctor's bizarre actions on the day the singer died.

He suggested Murray delayed the call until he could hide medical equipment and bottles that might incriminate him.

Evan after paramedics arrived, the doctor made no mention of giving Jackson propofol because of "a consciousness of guilt," Walgren said.

Walgren ridiculed the defense theory that Jackson injected himself with the fatal dose of propofol and denounced the testimony of defense expert Paul White who blamed Jackson for his own death.

"What you were presented by Dr. White was junk science. It was garbage science," Walgren said.

Chernoff countered that Dr. Steven Shafer, a propofol expert who testified that evidence showed Murray killed Jackson, was wrong and overstepped his role as a scientist by becoming an advocate for Murray's conviction.

Police: Bieber sexual tryst may be investigated

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Police could investigate an alleged sexual tryst between Justin Bieber and a San Diego woman last October at Staples Center because the singer was 16 at the time, authorities said Thursday.

Los Angeles police Cmdr. Andrew Smith told The Associated Press that no report has been taken about the incident. However, his department could file a report after various media outlets reported Mariah Yeater filed a paternity suit earlier this week against the teen heartthrob in San Diego

Superior Court.

"If it's brought to our attention, of course we'll look into it," Smith said.



Bieber

Yeater had just turned 19 when she says she and Bieber, then 16, had a brief sexual encounter after one of the singer's concerts. She said she gave birth to a boy in July and believes Bieber is the father because there were no other possible men she had sex with at that time.

She is asking a judge for child support and a paternity test. A hearing is scheduled for Dec. 15.

Bieber's camp has denied he is the child's father.

California law states anyone who has unlawful sex with a

minor and is not more than three years older is guilty of a misdemeanor, which carries up to a one-year jail sentence.



RECOVERED

This photo provided by the Hofje van Mevrouw van Aerden museum in the central town of Leerdam, Netherlands, Thursday, Nov. 3, 2011, shows a painting entitled "Two laughing boys" by Frans Hals. Police recovered two stolen paintings by Dutch masters and handed them back Thursday to the provincial museum they were stolen from five months ago. Three suspects are in custody, police said. The 17th-century paintings, a depiction of two laughing boys by Frans Hals and a forest landscape by Jacob van Ruisdael, were snatched from the Hofje van Mevrouw van Aerden museum in the central town of Leerdam in late May.

AP

Publicist: Keith Urban to undergo throat surgery

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—A spokesman for Keith Urban says the country star will undergo throat surgery later this month to remove a polyp on his vocal chord.

A statement from Urban's publicist, Paul Freundlich, says the surgery is a minor outpatient procedure. It will require complete vocal rest followed by an indefinite period of recuperation.



Urban

Fame. It was originally scheduled for Jan. 18. He is substantially scaling back appearances that require him to sing multiple songs. They will be rescheduled in 2012.

Until his surgery at the end of the month, Urban will honor his commitments that require only a one-song performance. He is scheduled to perform at the Country Music Association Awards

on Nov. 9.

Urban is postponing his "All For The Hall" concert to benefit the Country Music Hall of

entertainer and male vocalist of the year.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Jets' Ryan in Sandler movie as—gasp!—Pats fan

NEW YORK (AP)—Rex Ryan is teaming up with Adam Sandler for a new movie in which the Jets coach plays—get ready for this—a New England Patriots fan. Sandler told NFL Network's Rich Eisen for his podcast Thursday that Ryan is a Boston-based "inexpensive" lawyer in the still untitled movie. Sandler says Ryan was "loose and funny" about playing "a mammoth Patriots fan" who talks about Bill Belichick and Tom Brady—a detail that was written into the script for the Jets coach. That's sure to be a shocking sight for Jets fans. Sandler, whose upcoming movie "Jack and Jill" will be in theaters on Nov. 11, is an avid Jets fan who has attended several games, and says Ryan is "really cool" and "nailed" the part.

Aronofsky to direct Lou Reed, Metallica video

NEW YORK (AP)—Award-winning director Darren Aronofsky will direct a music video from the new Metallica and Lou Reed album, "Lulu." Best-known for his Oscar-nominated films "Black Swan" and "The Wrestler," Aronofsky will produce a video for the track, "Iced Honey." Scenes will be shot in the San Francisco Bay area and will be available for viewing later this month. Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich said in a statement Thursday that working with Reed and Aronofsky is "living the dream." Ulrich called making this album and video a monumental chapter in his life. "As if making a record with Lou Reed is not enough, now I get to make a video with Darren Aronofsky, who has been among my very favorite filmmakers since his first movie, 'Pi.'"

Patti LuPone, Laurie Metcalf set for Broadway play

NEW YORK (AP)—Patti LuPone and Laurie Metcalf will star in David Mamet's "The Anarchist" on Broadway next fall. Producers said Thursday that the play, which will be making its American debut, is about typical concerns to Mamet—politics, money, religion and sex. The playwright, who also wrote "Glengarry Glen Ross" and "Race," will direct his new work. LuPone, who earned two Tony Awards for "Sweeney Todd" and "Gypsy," was nominated for a Tony this year for her performance in "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown." She has acted in several Mamet plays, including "The Blue Hour" and "The Woods." Emmy Award-winner Metcalf, a member of Chicago's Steppenwolf Theatre, appeared in the TV series "Roseanne" and was nominated for a 2008 Tony Award for her performance in Mamet's "November."

Man pleads not guilty to stalking Selena Gomez

LOS ANGELES (AP)—A man with a history of mental illness has pleaded not guilty in Los Angeles to stalking actress and singer Selena Gomez.

Forty-six-year-old Thomas Brodnicki entered his plea Thursday in Superior Court to one count of stalking. Bail was set at \$150,000 and if Brodnicki is convicted he faces up to three years in prison.

Brodnicki is accused of stalk-

ing the "Wizards of Waverly Place" star between July and October. Police were notified by mental health workers that he also threatened to harm or kill Gomez while he was on a psychiatric hold.

Gomez was granted a temporary restraining order last month that has been extended to three years.

Brodnicki is scheduled to return to court Nov. 16.

GWAR guitarist Cory Smoot is found dead inside tour bus

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The lead guitarist for the heavy metal band GWAR was found dead Thursday on its tour bus following a concert in Minneapolis, the band's manager and record label said.

Manager Jack Flanagan and record label Metal Blade said Cory Smoot's body was discovered Thursday before the bus crossed into Canada on the Richmond, Va.-based band's tour.

It's unclear what caused Smoot's death or how old he was. A person who answered the phone at the Smoot family residence in Richmond declined to comment. Flanagan and Metal Blade's Kelli Malella, vice president of publicity, said they had no further information to release about Smoot.

Smoot performed since 2002 under the name "Flattus Maximus" with the band known for its comically grotesque sci-fi/fantasy-based costumes, stage antics and vulgar lyrics. He produced GWAR's last two albums.

Flanagan says there's no word yet on funeral arrangements or the rest of the tour. The tour had been scheduled to stop in Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta, on Friday and Saturday.

Lead singer Dave Brockie, also known as "Oderus Urungus," said in a statement that "at this point we are just dealing with the loss of our dear friend and brother" and asked for privacy.

He called Smoot "one of the most talented guitar players in metal today."

Working smoke detectors give early warning to save lives

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Twenty-four years ago, the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and Energizer spotted a disturbing trend. Many fatalities were taking place in homes without working smoke alarms. In response, the "Change Your Clock Change Your Battery" campaign was developed to remind people to test and change their smoke alarm batteries each fall when they turn back their clocks at the end of daylight saving time.

According to the National Fire Protection Association, while 96 percent of American homes have at least one smoke alarm, 19 percent do not have at least one that works! The reason? Missing or dead batteries.

Please remind your readers that when they set their clocks back on Nov. 6, to use the extra hour they gain to change and test the batteries in their smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

It is recommended that smoke alarms be replaced every 10 years and be a mix of both ionization and photoelectric alarms to warn against all types of fires. They are the best defense against the devastating effects of a home fire.

Thank you, Abby, for once again joining me in spreading this lifesaving message.

CHIEF AL GILLESPIE, IAFC PRESIDENT

DEAR AL: Just call me Old Faithful—I'm glad to help.

Readers, this year the IAFC is encouraging families—especially moms who understand what it means to be a family's first responder when it comes to family emergencies—to visit www.facebook.com/energizerbunny and take the pledge to change the batteries in your smoke alarms when changing your clocks.

No one should be hurt or lose a life because of a non-working smoke alarm, yet nearly 3,000 people die each year in home fires. A working smoke alarm will provide extra precious seconds for you and your family to get out safely.

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DEAR ABBY: Because I love the out-of-doors, I volunteered to prepare my boyfriend's duck boat for the hunting season. I sanded, primed and detailed the boat and painted cattails on the sides. I bought seats, hardware, even made a full camouflage duck blind on my sewing machine.

My boyfriend is elated and even more excited that I intend to hunt with him. His buddy is not. He has backed out of the hunting trips and refuses to talk to me about the issue.

Should I tell my boyfriend I have changed my mind and save their friendship, or go with him and reward myself for all my hard work?

AMBUSHED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR AMBUSHED: Do not back out. The person your boyfriend's buddy should be talking to isn't you, it's your boyfriend. His behavior is selfish and childish. A compromise might be in order, but it won't happen unless "the boys" arrange it between themselves. So stay out of the line of fire.

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DEAR ABBY: There are people in my life who do not bring me joy—just drama and petty backstabbing. How do I tactfully remove myself from an individual or group of people? I run into them all the time at business events and restaurants in our small city.

AT ARM'S LENGTH IN IOWA

DEAR AT ARM'S LENGTH: Unless you're planning on moving to a cave in the Himalayas, there is no way you can completely avoid them. When you see them be friendly, speak in generalities, give them as little information as possible and move on when they start to gossip. It works like a charm.

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Calvin and Hobbes

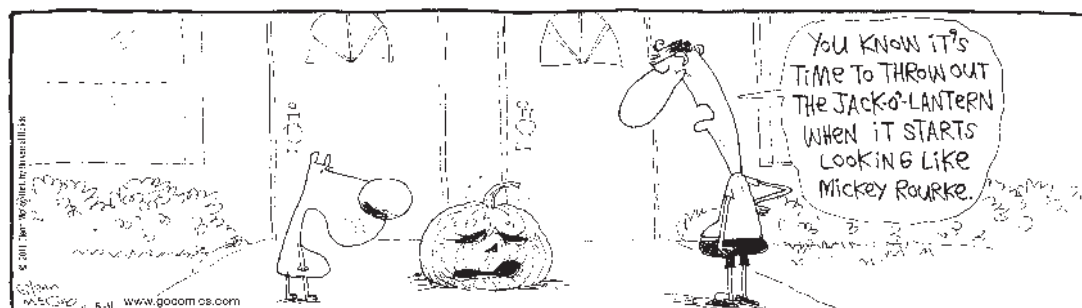
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By Jim Davis



The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



By Eugene Sheffer

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33 Outer-space gas cloud
34 Accomplished
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48 Put the kibosh on
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Yesterday's answer 11-5

 **CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Mix business with pleasure and you will win points, gain favors and improve your

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't discount the possibility of changing your living arrangement. Picking up skills, acquiring knowledge or being receptive to a position that requires you to adapt to new

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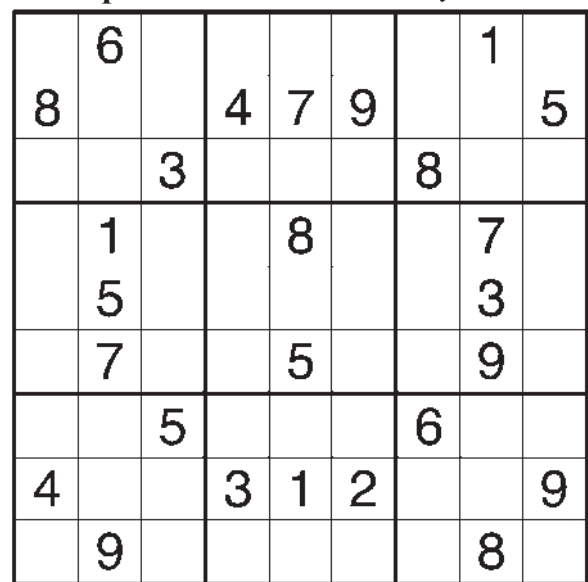


PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Focus on what you can accomplish. Pay attention to people who can help. Walk away from those who are making too many demands or wanting to ride on your coattails. An emotional problem must not be allowed to fester. ***

Birthday Baby: You are sensitive, impressionable and intent on following your heart.

*Eugenia's Web sites: **eugenialast.com** for confidential consultations, **myspace.com/eugenialast** for Eugenia's blog, **astroadvice.com** for fun*

By Dave Green



Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★☆☆

By DAVID
QUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY**. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD. The leftover letters spell the Wordword.

SMOKED SCALLOPS Solution: 7 letters

B	Y	S	K	C	O	T	S	C	C	P	S	S	B	H
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Y	O	D	C	I	O	P	P	I	N	O	O	T	S	D

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Brandy, Butter, Byssus, Cabbage, Charcoal, Cheese, Chowder
Cilantro, Cioppino, Cloves, Cold, Cooking, Diver, Ginger, Glazes
Gratin, Heat, Honey, Horseradish, Jell, Lemon, Mayo, Onion
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Soups - Seasoned, Savory, Smoker, Stock, Sugar, Texture

Yesterday's Answer: Organ

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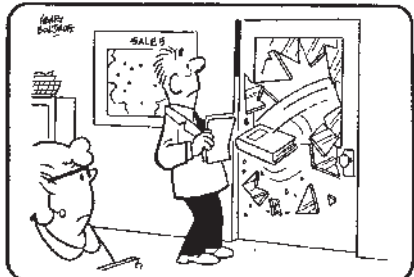
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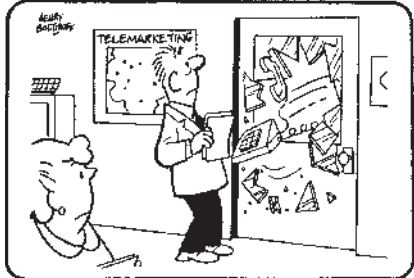
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Clock name is different. 2. Eyeglasses are missing. 3. Man has no papers. 4. Picture is black. 5. Telephone is being thrown. 6. Doorframe is black.

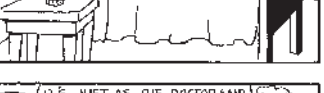
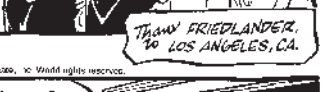
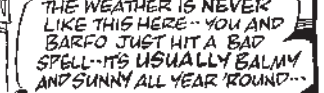
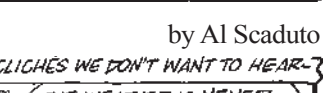
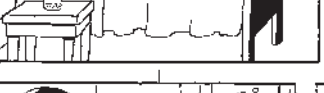
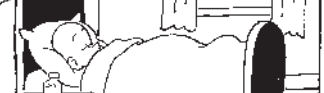
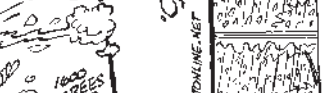
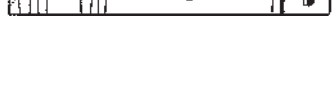
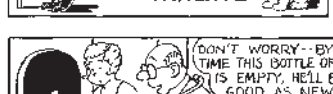
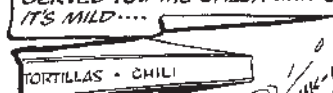
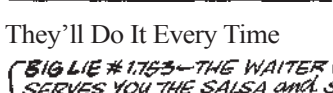
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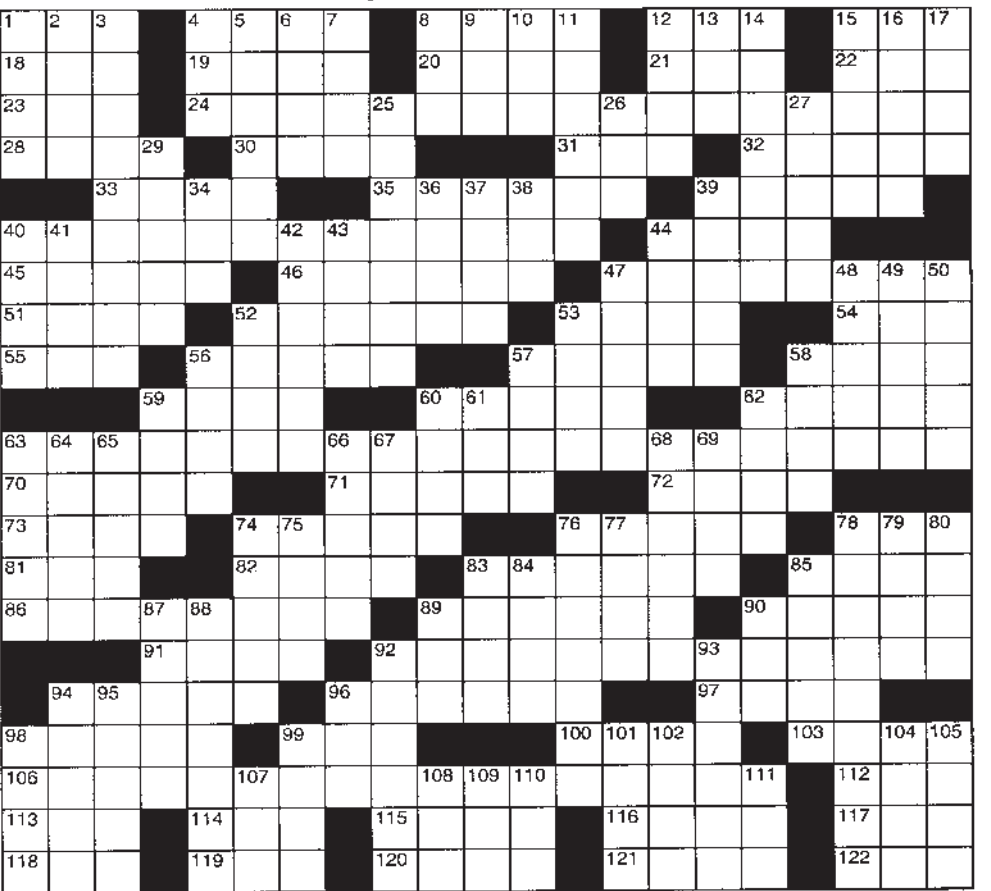
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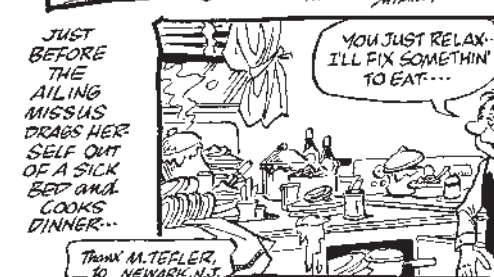
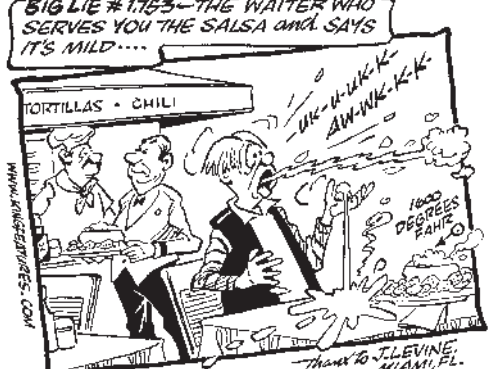
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Herd word
 - 4 Gator's cousin
 - 8 Forest father
 - 12 Chicken — king
 - 15 Shake-spearan snake
 - 18 Dadaism founder
 - 19 Neighbor of Kentucky
 - 20 Sign of sanctity
 - 21 Postman's Creed word
 - 22 '64 Ronny & the Daytonas hit
 - 23 Mouth piece?
 - 24 HARRISON
 - 28 Beer ingredient
 - 30 Reveal
 - 31 Bargain
 - 32 Former African nation
 - 33 Apiece
 - 35 Pancakes-to-be
 - 39 Shade of green
 - 40 HOOVER
 - 44 Artist Magritte
 - 45 Out of place
 - 46 In addition
 - 47 Rampur royalty
 - 51 Tender
 - 52 PC key
 - 53 Tiberius' threads?
 - 54 '60s chic
 - 55 Symbol of industry
 - 56 Went white
 - 57 Time for chores?
 - 58 Slit on a sunfish
 - 59 "Fatha" Hines
 - 60 Teapot part
 - 62 Ersatz emerald
 - 63 ADAMS
 - 70 Cisco, to Pancho
 - 71 Sudden attacks
 - 72 Something to skip?
 - 73 Campbell of "Party of Five"
 - 74 Doll up
 - 76 "The Jungle Book" character
 - 78 — Na Na
 - 81 Justice
 - 82 "Death in Venice" author
 - 83 Aromatic plant
 - 85 Court-martial candidate
 - 86 "Corn-huskers" poet
 - 89 Like lava
 - 90 Stage stuff
 - 91 Take a breather
 - 92 JACKSON
 - 94 Wrap
 - 96 Singer Brook
 - 97 Like kids at Christmas
 - 98 Bobbin
 - 99 Sargasso Sea swimmer
 - 100 Humorist Ogden
 - 103 Violin part
 - 106 KENNEDY
 - 112 Comic Charlotte
 - 113 Fido's morsel
 - 114 "Ab —" (from the start)
 - 115 Portent
 - 116 Half-baked?
 - 117 Flub
 - 118 Director Craven
 - 119 Faux —
 - 120 Trick stick
 - 121 Looked at
 - 122 — es
 - 123 Salaam
 - 8 Mother or grandmother
 - 9 Make a dolly
 - 10 Herriot title start
 - 11 Peanut
 - 12 Kim or Kaufman
 - 13 — Alamos, NM
 - 14 "Raising —" ('87 film)
 - 15 Certain marble
 - 16 Unyielding
 - 17 Study closely
 - 25 Made a passage
 - 26 Capek play
 - 27 Michael of "Dynasty"
 - 29 Stocking shade
 - 34 Director's cry
 - 36 Without — (daringly)
 - 37 Communications word form
 - 38 — Aviv
 - 39 "Frederica" composer
 - 40 Jet-setter's need
 - 41 Shortly
 - 42 Spanish specialty
 - 43 Land in the sea
 - 44 Sheldon's "of Angels"
 - 47 State words?
 - 48 Pennsylvanias sect
 - 49 Nick of "Q&A"
 - 50 Gentleman of leisure?
 - 52 Jeanne —
 - 53 Strained
 - 56 El —, TX
 - 57 "Gigi" author
 - 58 Stare stupidly
 - 59 Brink
 - 60 TV's "City"
 - 61 Third degree?
 - 62 "Oh My —" ('53 song)
 - 63 Turner and Wood
 - 64 Basic organism
 - 65 David of "The Bishop's Wife"
 - 66 Pitchfork
 - 67 Bring home the bacon
 - 68 Salad staple
 - 69 Bagel or bialy
 - 74 Cause a chuckle
 - 75 Move like a mouse
 - 76 Aphid apparatus
 - 77 Place for a patch
 - 78 Walked like a buccaneer
 - 79 Nest or burrow
 - 80 Tree spray
 - 83 Baptism site
 - 84 Nevada city
 - 85 Neon relative
 - 87 Salivate
 - 88 Hotel employee
 - 89 "Nowhere —" ('66 hit)
 - 90 Appreciated, in the '50s
 - 92 Cowardly
 - 93 City in Pakistan
 - 94 Fern feature
 - 95 Reggae's — and the
 - 96 You can retire on it
 - 98 Old tub
 - 99 Baseballer Slaughter
 - 101 4,840 square yards
 - 102 Command to Fido
 - 104 Williams of "Pete and Gladys"
 - 105 Gourmet Graham
 - 107 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
 - 108 Thurman of "Jennifer 8"
 - 109 He's a doll
 - 110 Gridiron position
 - 111 Florida

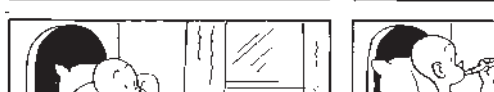
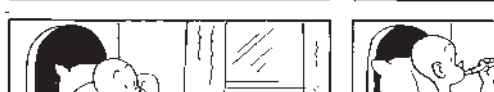
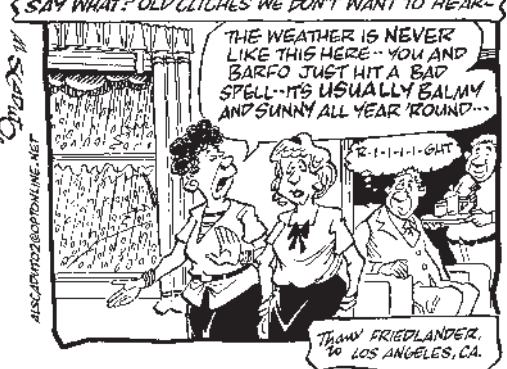


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They'll Do It Every Time



by Al Scaduto



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. ANATOMY: Which gland produces human growth hormone?
2. FAMOUS CHARACTERS: What does Donald Duck always wear?
3. MONEY: What is the basic currency of Iraq?
4. RELIGION: In Western churches, what day is set aside for the Feast of St. Stephen?
5. SCIENCE: What is the Latin word and chemistry symbol for lead?
6. MOVIES: What 1969 movie was made from a Philip Roth novel and starred Richard Benjamin and Ali MacGraw?
7. PULITZER PRIZE: What was the title of Charles Lindbergh's autobiography, which won the Pulitzer Prize in 1933?
8. LITERATURE: What 1920s novel features a narrator named Nick Carraway?
9. LANGUAGE: What is a fata morgana?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What body of water does the Mississippi River flow into?

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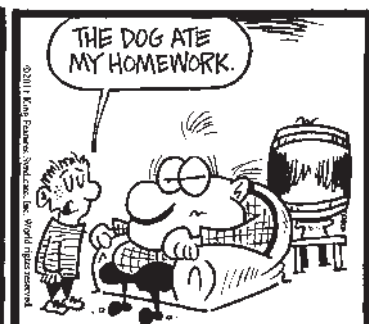
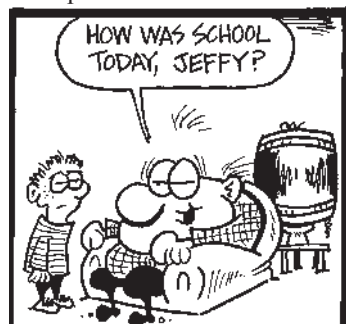
1. Pituitary gland
2. A blue sailor suit
3. The dinar
4. Dec. 26
5. Plumbum (Pb)
6. "Goodbye, Columbus"
7. "The Spirit of St. Louis"
8. "The Great Gatsby"
9. A mirage
10. Gulf of Mexico

Saturday's Answers



The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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(3 years experience)

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Triple M's Corporation
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Must have 5 years experience in video footage & editing using professional video cam, high school graduate, to work flexible hours, Monday to Sunday in Tinian. Interested applicants may submit resume to KP Store @ HuangShun Bldg., San Jose, Tinian or e-mail resume to kpent@pticom.com

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JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT**Administrative Assistant (1) - \$5.05/hr**

Qualifications: Must be College Degree. Must be proficient in Quickbooks. Must have computer skills and strong general record keeping background and experience. Must be familiar and must understand Federal and CNMI Law. Must have excellent Customer Service. Must have own ride. Can do other duties as directed by the Manager.

Requirements: Must have 5 yrs experience / Police Clearance / Employment Certificate needed

General Maintenance (1) - \$5.05/hr

Qualifications: Maintain laundry facilities, equipment to include welding, carpentry, painting, pipe fittings, plumbing, and electrical. Must have knowledge in fixing boilers, dry cleaning machines and commercial laundry washers. Must know how to put roofing. Must have own ride. Can do other duties as directed by the manager.

Requirements: Minimum of 3 yrs experience / Police Clearance / Employment Certificate needed

Laundry Helper (2) - \$5.05/hr

Qualifications: Must be high school graduate, can work on flexible hours. Can iron clothes 30 pcs a day, must know how to operate steam press, can stand pressing for 8 hrs daily, can work on a hot environment and no health problem such as High Blood Pressure and other sickness.

Requirements: minimum of 3 yrs experience / Police Clearance or any Employment Certificate

Fabriclean of CNMI dba Marianas Cleaners
Contact Person: John Guzman (NO PHONE CALLS)

CGI, INC.**Job Vacancy Announcement**

(2) Commercial Cleaner. High School graduate w/ 5yrs of work related experience. Must have own transportation to job sites. Must be able to work flexible days, hours and willing to work on holidays and weekends. Salary: \$5.05.

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Please submit your resume to tes_caballica@yahoo.com, no phone calls please.

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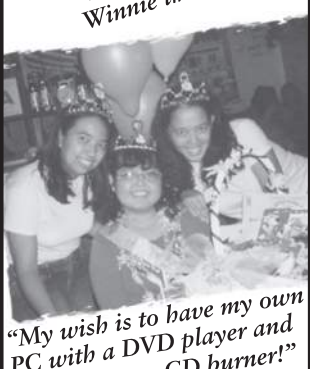
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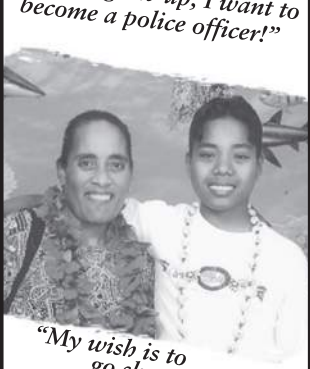
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Maddux given permission to talk to Red Sox, Cubs

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Texas Rangers pitching coach Mike Maddux was given permission to interview for managerial openings with the Boston Red Sox and Chicago Cubs, though any talking will have to wait until he recovers from a bout with laryngitis.

Maddux indicated Thursday that he expects to meet with both teams next week, depending on his recovery time.

"I'm humbled to find how highly some other organizations feel about me," Maddux wrote. "It's come upon our family and

me quickly. Just last week we were in the World Series and managing another club was not on the game plan."

During a conference call with Rangers reporters, Maddux responded to questions by typing answers that were then sent to those on the call.

Texas general manager Jon Daniels said the Cubs and Red Sox both requested to interview Maddux, who has been in Texas for three seasons.

Before joining the Rangers and helping them reach the last two World Series, Maddux was

Milwaukee's pitching coach for six seasons.

"Mike is in a key role for us and has had a prominent hand in our success the past few years," Daniels wrote in an email. "But this is a unique opportunity to discuss a coveted position with two storied franchises, and we believe in allowing our people to pursue opportunities that they're interested in. It reflects well both on Mike and our organization that he's under consideration."

New Cubs president of baseball operations Theo Epstein

fired manager Mike Quade on Wednesday. Terry Francona left the Red Sox after Boston's huge collapse in September.

"Unbelievable to hear those two teams have interest," Maddux said. "Both storied franchises, full of tradition."

Maddux said his introductory contact with those teams has been through text messaging, and that the laryngitis "puts a little delay on everything."

While he has the chance to interview for two managerial openings, Maddux said he's happy as the Rangers' pitching

coach. He likes working with manager Ron Washington and the rest of the staff.

The Rangers had an American League-high 5.37 ERA in 2008, the year before Maddux arrived. They have improved each year since, including a 3.79 ERA this season that was their lowest since 1983. Texas has been to the World Series in back-to-back seasons after never having won a postseason series before then.

"Pitching and defense are considered the foundation of a winning team," Maddux said.

"The better you pitch and catch, the better chance of winning. With that being said, I guess being a pitching coach is a level away from managing."

Maddux is the older brother of four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux.

In 15 major league seasons, Mike Maddux pitched for Philadelphia (1986-89), the Los Angeles Dodgers (1990, 1999), San Diego (1991-92), the New York Mets (1993-94), Pittsburgh (1995), Boston (1995-96), Seattle (1997), Montreal (1998-99) and Houston (2000).

Pujols, Fielder on the market as free agency opens

Justin Verlander
selected player of
year in union vote

NEW YORK (AP)—Detroit Tigers ace Justin Verlander has been selected player of the year in voting by the Major League Baseball Players Association, becoming the second pitcher to earn the honor.

Verlander beat out Boston first baseman Adrian Gonzalez and New York Yankees outfielder Curtis Granderson for the Players Choice Award, announced Thursday. The only other pitcher to win it was Boston's Pedro Martinez in 1999.

"Obviously from a personal standpoint, it was an amazing year. I worked extremely hard for this," Verlander said during a conference call. "If you expect greatness, it shouldn't surprise you. So I've always expected myself to be able to pitch this way. So it still doesn't surprise me I did."

Verlander was 24-5 with a 2.40 ERA and 250 strikeouts, leading the AL in all three categories.

"I think I'll be looking back at this one for a long time," he said. "I don't know if I'll have a season like this again, but I'm not going to discount it. I'm not going to say I won't. Things have to go right for it to happen, but I would say I can pitch better. I think I'm still scratching the surface here."

The heavy favorite for the AL Cy Young Award and a contender for AL MVP, Verlander had the most wins in the majors since Arizona's Randy Johnson in 2002. The right-hander found a groove after going 2-3 in his first seven starts and in the second half became the first pitcher to win 12 straight starts since Minnesota's Johan Santana in 2004.

"I got away from throwing," Verlander said. "Early in games specifically, I slowed down on purpose to try to create a platform and build off of that. ... If I'm not throwing at 100 percent, if I'm throwing at 95 percent, I'm going to be much more accurate."

Colorado Rockies outfielder Carlos Gonzalez won the award last year.



Baseball player Albert Pujols speaks during the dedication of a 10-foot, 1,100-pound bronze statue of the St. Louis Cardinals slugger Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011, in Maryland Heights, Mo.

NEW YORK (AP)—Baseball's free-agent signing season began Thursday with Albert Pujols, Prince Fielder, Jose Reyes, Carlos Beltran and Aramis Ramirez all available in a market far stronger on hitting than starting pitching.

C.J. Wilson, Mark Buehrle, Roy Oswalt, Edwin Jackson and Hiroki Kuroda topped the list of free-agent starters, while Jonathan Papelbon, Heath Bell, Francisco Rodriguez and Jonathan Broxton were among the available closers.

With no new collective bargaining agreement, draft-pick compensation remained in force for top free agents ranked according to a statistical formula agreed to in 1981.

Teams have through Nov. 23 to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents, and free agents not offered arbitration can sign after then without costing their new clubs any picks in next June's amateur draft. Among the 166 free agents, there are 21 Type A players and 37 Type Bs.

The possibility of dropping compensation has been discussed in negotiations for a new labor contract if the players' association would agree to a slotting system of fixed signing bonuses for draft picks. But the union has thus far resisted slotting.

The current labor deal runs until Dec. 11.

Pujols is represented by Dan Lozano, who broke off

last year from his former colleagues at the Beverly Hills Sports Council. Carlos Beltran has left Scott Boras to be represented by Lozano.

San Francisco, which acquired Beltran from the New York Mets in July, may be interested in signing the outfielder to a deal of about three years.

"There is no negotiation yet," Beltran said in an email to The Associated Press. "I made a decision about switching agents, but it has nothing to do with having (a) better chance of negotiating with anybody, it's just time to make a change. There is no doubt that I will consider coming back to SF."

Thursday was the first day free agents could negotiate with all teams following a four-day exclusive window for their former clubs. Infielder John McDonald became the first of the free agents to sign, agreeing to a \$3 million, two-year contract to stay with the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Pitcher Chien-Ming Wang and the Washington Nationals have agreed to the terms of a contract, pending a physical, a person familiar with the deal told the AP. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because no announcement had been made.

Wang went 4-3 with a 4.04 ERA in 11 starts for Washington. He returned to the majors on July 29, exactly two years after surgery on his right shoulder. Wang twice won 19 games with the New York Yankees.

Cardinals interview McEwing, Maloney

ST. LOUIS (AP)—A man who earned the nickname "Super Joe" with the St. Louis Cardinals and the organization's long-time Triple-A manager were the first to interview for the team's managing vacancy.

A person familiar with the search told The Associated Press the Cardinals began the search for Tony La Russa's replacement by meeting with lower-key candidates Joe McEwing and Chris Maloney.

McEwing, a super sub with St. Louis in 1999, was hired as third base coach for new Chi-

cago White Sox manager Robin Ventura earlier this week after success at the minor league level. Maloney has managed the Cardinals Triple-A Memphis affiliate the last five years.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the search is not public.

Ryne Sandberg, ruled out earlier this week for the Chicago Cubs' managing vacancy, is among other candidates who will be interviewing with the Cardinals.

Sandberg managed the Philadelphia Phillies' Triple-A team

last season and the Phillies said they have granted the Cardinals permission to talk to him.

General manager John Mozeliak said in an email to the AP that the Cardinals had not determined a public strategy for the search to find a new manager. La Russa resigned this week, three days after the team won the World Series.

Terry Francona and an in-house candidate, third base coach Jose Oquendo, are also believed to be on the Cardinals' list. New Cubs general manager Theo Epstein has told Sandberg

he isn't a candidate to replace the fired Mike Quade.

The 39-year-old McEwing was a reserve most of his nine-year major league career. The exception was 1999, when he played at six positions while batting .275 with nine homers and 44 RBIs in 152 games.

McEwing joined the White Sox in 2008 as hitting coach at Triple-A Charlotte and managed at Triple-A Charlotte last season.

The 50-year-old Maloney has been a minor league coach or manager the last 20 years, and joined the Cardinals staff this fall

after Memphis' second-place finish in the Pacific Coast League. Memphis won the title in 2010.

Earlier this week, team chairman Bill DeWitt Jr. said the Cardinals would not be in a "rush" to hire a replacement. La Russa resigned on Monday but the front office was aware of his plans to step down since August.

DeWitt was noncommittal whether major league experience was necessary for the job.

"There are good young talents out there. Everyone starts somewhere," DeWitt said. "It should be a very desirable situation and I know there will be candidates out there calling, texting, writing, whatever they do."

Union meets, says more talks with NBA owners ahead



NEW YORK (AP)—NBA players and owners will start negotiating again Saturday, and the union's leaders say they're unified as they seek to resolve the lockout.

President Derek Fisher, executive director Billy Hunter and executive committee members said after meeting for about three hours Thursday that there was no truth to reports of a rift among them.

"We've had no problems, and that's the reality," Hunter said.

Hunter said they spent no more than 10-15 minutes total on a conference call earlier this week and during Thursday's gathering discussing the reports questioning Fisher's allegiances.

"The battle is not within our union," Bucks guard Keyon Dooling said. "Derek Fisher's the best president our union has ever seen. We'll stand as committee members - I'm the first vice president and I stand behind him."

Later Thursday came reports that a group of about 50 disgruntled players held a conference call with an antitrust lawyer about the possibility of pursuing decertification of the union. Yahoo! Sports and The New York Times reported that the players would consider pursuing the tactic if union leaders made more concessions in negotiations.

Thirty percent of players would have to sign a petition, then a majority would have to vote in favor for decertification. Mere talk of decertification also could give the players' side leverage in negotiations.

Owners and players haven't met since



In this Sept. 15, 2011 file photo, Los Angeles Lakers' Derek Fisher, center, president of the NBA players union, is joined by union executive director Billy Hunter, right, and NBA players during a news conference in Las Vegas. With progress stalled since talks broke off over the revenue split, the union's executive committee is to meet in New York.

talks broke off last Friday. Hunter said federal mediator George Cohen contacted him earlier this week about possibly rejoining the negotiations. The conversation led to Hunter calling Commissioner David Stern on Wednesday about resuming talks, though it has yet to be determined whether Cohen will be involved.

Hunter said union leaders had spent the last several days cautioning players that the two sides were still far apart on several system issues, so completing a deal was not as simple as a compromise on the revenue split.

"Our guys are in a position of they still want us to negotiate a fair deal," Fisher said. "They've given us that power. They've given us that support."

"Obviously, we're going to have in-

dividual members in individual sets of circumstances that want to get back to play. We want to get back to play. But we realize the ramifications of agreeing to a bad deal at this moment. ... This particular collective bargaining agreement will forever impact the circumstances of NBA basketball players. We can't rush into a deal we feel is a bad deal just to save this season."

The lockout, which began July 1, has already led to the cancellation of a month of regular-season games. The two sides met for three days last week, but again the talks stalled when they turned to the revenue split.

They'll get back at it Saturday, though neither side seems to be shifting its stance.

"It's not wise or prudent for us to not meet or let huge gaps of time go by and let the clock run and not meet, because then we just become more entrenched in our respective positions," Hunter said. "At least if we're around the table

something might happen; I can't predict if anything will."

Hunter said he told Fisher after negotiations broke down Friday: "You will see the kind of friend I have been and will continue to be."

PGA champ Bradley shoots 65 to lead in Shanghai



SHANGHAI (AP)—PGA champion Keegan Bradley cares more about counting birdies than votes. He flew halfway around

the world with the intention of winning a World Golf Championship, not any kind of an award.

Whatever the case, he sure made this PGA Tour player of the year discussion a lot more interesting Thursday.

Bradley did most of his damage on the par 5s at Sheshan International with three birdies and an eagle, which carried him to a 7-under 65 and a two-shot lead after the one round of the HSBC Champions.

"A very rewarding round," Bradley said

Bo Van Pelt extended his awesome Asian adventure. Coming off a six-shot win in Malaysia last week, Van Pelt had 67 and was tied for second with the Swedish duo of Alexander Noren and Fredrik Jacobson.

The PGA Tour felt it should wait until after the HSBC Champions to send out its postseason awards ballot because this tournament counts as official if a PGA Tour member were to win. If there was one player considered a threat to Luke Donald as player of the year, it would be Bradley. Winning in Shanghai would give him a tour-leading three victories, including a major and a World Golf Championship.

Bradley only laughed when asked if his opening 65 was enough to make Donald nervous.

"Maybe," he said. "You know, all I'm trying to do is win this golf tournament. I know there's a lot on the line, and there's some awards to be won."

I'm sure Luke is not very interested in this tournament. I'm sure he's sleeping. But I hope to keep playing well, and let those fall where they fall."

Donald, the No. 1 player in the world, finished his PGA Tour season in style. He closed with a 64 to win Disney for his second win of the year, giving him the money title and Vardon Trophy for the lowest scoring average. However, he was kept from playing the HSBC Champions because his wife is expecting their second child any day.

The award is determined by the players, who suddenly are paying a lot more attention.

"There's only two people in the race as far as I'm concerned - Luke and Keegan," Adam Scott said. "If Keegan were to win this week, it's probably a tough decision, but I would vote for Keegan. It's a major, a WGC and a PGA Tour event in his rookie year. That's going to be a better year. A major has to hold some weight, and then you add a World Golf Championship."

"Winning the money title and scoring average is nice and an incredible achievement," Scott said. "But winning tournaments is what it's about. Keegan would have my vote."

Nick Watney said he already has made up his mind. No matter who wins this week, he's voting for Donald.

"I feel as though Luke has earned it," Watney said.

Bradley isn't too wrapped up in the discussion quite yet. He found satisfaction in being the only player in the 78-man field without a bogey. And while his length off the tee was an advantage, he made three birdies on the par 5s with a wedge in his hand. He also had another rookie moment when he found

himself in awe of playing alongside Lee Westwood and Scott, even as he outplayed both of them.

"For me, every week I'm amazed at who I'm around," Bradley said. "And to be in a group like that in this tournament, and to play like that on this course is very rewarding and it means a lot to me. ... I know I say this a lot. But I feel like I have to pinch myself out here, because of what's going on and just how much fun I'm having doing it."

It's already been a dream season for the 25-year-old rookie, and it might not be over just yet.

Even so, the last WGC event of the year is just getting started.

David Toms holed out a wedge on the 16th hole for eagle and Justin Rose had two eagles to join the group at 68. Westwood and Scott were each at 69, with Westwood nearly making an albatross when his 5-wood bounced off the pin on the par-5 14th and settled a few feet away for a tap-in birdie.

Rory McIlroy, with Caroline Wozniacki following him inside the ropes, made two late birdies to salvage a 70.

Bradley took advantage with one booming tee shot after another. He opened with a birdie after a wedge to 3 feet on No. 10 and drilled a hybrid 3-iron over the water to 20 feet on the 18th for an eagle. He had three birdies and an eagle on the par 5s, and kept bogeys off his card with a nice up-and-down from the bunker on No. 7 and a two-putt from some 60 feet on his final hole.

Van Pelt got off to a sluggish start and then continued his amazing play in Asia. He won the Asia Pacific Championship last week by six shots, and is 28-under par in his five rounds during this two-week Asian excursion.

Manning still waiting for neck to heal

INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—Peyton Manning and Jim Irsay agree on one thing: The Manning Era isn't over in Indianapolis.

Manning said Thursday he hopes to return to practice this year and still holds out hope of playing if doctors say he is finally healed from his Sept. 8 neck surgery. Irsay, the team owner, said he expects the four-time NFL MVP still has some good years in that right arm.

There are some big questions looming in Indy.

The Colts (0-8) must decide whether to opt out of Manning's five-year contract or pay a \$28 million bonus to keep him on the roster. And if they have a high draft pick next year, Indy also will have to decide whether to take Manning's heir apparent, someone like Andrew Luck or Landry Jones.

"It's something you talk about and scenarios, who could be behind Peyton and how long you want him to sit and how much money you have committed to quarterbacks," Irsay said. "I think theoretically, you could have Peyton for two or three more good years and then have someone behind him, but that's theoretical."

Manning hasn't played since having surgery to repair a damaged nerve that caused weakness in his throwing arm. It was his third neck procedure in 19 months, a series of operations that has forced Colts fans to debate when - or if - Manning will return.

"I think it's too early to bury this era," Irsay said during a 40-minute interview. "I think to say that Peyton is done and the era is over is, to me, way, way too premature. I've always sort of known that era would be decided when Peyton is here. But I don't feel like that era is done."

A few hours earlier, Manning made his second impromptu locker room appearance of the season, telling reporters that he's spending every day in rehab and that he hopes to practice with his teammates in December and play in a game later this season.

But he hasn't been cleared for

football activity by the doctors. Irsay said there was less than a 50 percent chance Manning would appear in a game this season.

"We're still waiting for the fusion to take place, it's still going slow with that and we still have some issues with the nerve and the regeneration of the nerve," Manning said. "There's really not a schedule, a timeline of where I am."

Doctors who were not involved with Manning's surgery said it was likely to take two or three months before Indy's franchise quarterback could make it back to practice, which is consistent with Manning's comments.

Without their franchise quarterback, the Colts are 0-8 for the first time since 1997, and many think it would be foolish to bring Manning back for some meaningless late-season games.

Manning disagrees.

"I miss playing, I really do. If I get cleared to play and I'm good enough, would I play? Absolutely," he said. "I'd love to because that's how I'm wired, that's my job and I love my job."

"If the doctor says you can go, then I'd like to do that," Manning added later.

Manning addressed a variety of topics, calling coach Jim Caldwell a "friend," dismissing speculation about the No. 1 pick and even discussing the option clause in his contract.

The Colts signed Manning to a five-year deal worth \$90 million in late July when it looked as if he would still be ready to play this season. The \$18 million annual average matches New England's Tom Brady for the richest deal in the league. Manning thinks the Colts should see him in action, if possible, before making their decision.

"It's a one-year deal with a four-year extension," Manning said. "The team has a right to know where you are physically and where your health is."

Irsay said he has no intention of releasing Manning and the two sides could work out a new deal if the quarterback still was not healthy.



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SHANGHAI (AP) — Scores Thursday from the HSBC Champions, a \$7-million tournament played at the par-72, 7,266-yard Sheshan International Golf Club:

FIRST ROUND	
Keegan Bradley	33-32-65
Fredrik Jacobson	35-32-67
Bo Van Pelt	33-34-67
Alexander Noren	33-34-67
Thongchai Jaidee	33-35-68
K.J. Choi	33-35-68
David Toms	35-33-68
Justin Rose	33-35-68
Aaron Baddeley	34-35-69
Peter Hanson	36-33-69
Lee Westwood	36-33-69
Adam Scott	35-34-69
Simon Dyson	35-34-69
Rory Sabbatini	32-37-69
Graeme McDowell	34-35-69
Jhonattan Vegas	32-37-69
Martin Kaymer	36-33-69
Yuta Ikeda	33-37-70
Chez Reavie	35-35-70
Paul Casey	35-35-70
Ian Poulter	35-35-70
Rory McIlroy	34-36-70
Charl Schwartzel	36-34-70
Pablo Larrazabal	37-33-70
Harrison Frazer	35-35-70
Jbe' Kruger	35-35-70
Scott Stallings	36-34-70
Francesco Molinari	37-33-70
Robert Rock	34-36-70
David Gleeson	35-36-71
Anders Hansen	34-37-71
Louis Oosthuizen	35-36-71
Jonathan Byrd	37-34-71
Nick Watney	38-33-71
Mark Wilson	36-35-71
Keith Horne	35-36-71
Hunter Mahan	36-35-71
Chinnarat Phadungsil	35-36-71
Wen-Chong Liang	35-37-72
Tetsuji Hiratsuka	36-36-72
Paul Lawrie	39-33-72
John Senden	39-33-72
Alvaro Quiros	35-37-72
Jung-gon Hwang	36-36-72
Jeev Milkha Singh	34-38-72
Hao Yuan	36-36-72
Ashun Wu	37-35-72
Miguel Jimenez	36-36-72
Thomas Bjorn	38-34-72
D.A. Points	38-35-73
Darren Clarke	36-37-73
Kyung-tae Kim	37-36-73
S.S.P. Chowrasia	36-37-73
Robert Karlsson	37-37-74
Hiroyuki Fujita	39-35-74
Xin-jun Zhang	37-37-74
Bill Haas	38-36-74
Nicolas Colaserts	39-35-74
Jim Herman	39-35-74
Michio Matsumura	36-38-74
Alistair Presnell	36-39-75
Siddikur Rahman	38-37-75
Ernie Els	40-35-75
Ben Crane	40-35-75
Chan Yih-shin	37-38-75
Geoff Ogilvy	40-35-75
Adam Bland	35-40-75
Bobby Gates	38-37-75
Lucas Glover	38-38-76
Lee Slattery	39-37-76
Thomas Aiken	40-36-76
Pablo Martin	40-36-76
Michael Hoey	38-38-76
Stuart Appleby	38-39-77
Jim Furyk	40-38-78
Tom Lewis	39-39-78
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	40-39-79
Matteo Manassero	44-38-82

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LOCAL SCORES

SHIRLEY'S STANDINGS	
PIC	4 0
Mobil	4 1
DFS	4 1
Fiesta	3 2
PSS	2 1
Wushin	2 2
GPPC	1 3
Hyatt	1 4
Grillin'	0 3
Shirley's	0 4

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deficit to seven, 25-32, capitalizing on Duenas' lackluster offense. The Southern gunner had a minor injury in the third period, causing her to slow down and score only one basket.

In the fourth canto, KHS came within three points, but Duenas returned to the floor and



HOLLYWOOD—Los Angeles Lakers superstar

Kobe Bryant made use of his lockout-fueled free time Thursday by visiting the Wild Card Gym to watch Manny Pacquiao prepare for his third bout against Juan Manuel Marquez on Nov. 12 in Las Vegas.

That preparation included a reaffirmation of the game plan: Hurt Marquez early and never let up. Finish him off.

Bryant stayed for close to an hour, posing for a few photos with Pacquiao and his team members and then leaving after the Filipino ring icon had completed seven rounds of sparring with three different fighters.

Bryant's visit, Roach said, was prearranged by the basketball superstar's camp.

"He's a nice guy," Roach said. "It's nice that Lone dropped by. We talked a little bit. I enjoyed meeting him."

"He didn't get a chance to talk to Manny that much because the training was about to start when he arrived," added Roach.

Pacquiao also did six rounds of mitts a day after taking a rare day off from working out Wednesday.

"In my 10 or 11 years with Manny, this was just the second time that he took the day off," Roach said. "He's been working very hard for this fight. I felt the rest was needed."

Pacquiao is taking his fight against his Mexican nemesis personally, and Roach said this has been the hardest he's seen Manny at in camp.

"I know I say this a lot but we're having the beat camp



Los Angeles Lakers star Kobe Bryant, left, watches intently Thursday at the Wild Card Gym as Manny Pacquiao trains for his fight against Juan Manuel Marquez on Nov. 12 in Las Vegas.

ever," said Roach. "This is the most motivated I've ever seen him."

"The entire camp, he's had an extra push, extra motivation," said the hall-of-fame trainer. "He's really pissed at this guy."

Even for someone who has

seen Pacquiao always ask for more during training, Roach said there's a palpable edge in the Pacman's training grit, prompting him to predict that the foght won't last the distance. Roach said Pacquiao will be different from the guy who virtu-

Kaliga wins King of the Table 8-ball Tournament



Nolas Kaliga edged Patrick Cepeda to win Sunday's King of the Table 8-ball Tournament at 19th Hole

The tilt used a round-robin format with the winner scoring one point each turn he held the table. The loser was given another chance to come back later and rack up points.

Noran Tenorio, Edward Suzuki and Ron Chisato finished

in a three-way tie for third place. Suzuki took a tiebreaker from Chisato to grab third. Thinking he wouldn't place, Tenorio had already gone home.

Kaliga ran off five wins to start the match before Tenorio took him off the table. Cepeda won five in a row when his turn came, then fell to Kun M. Ka'ainoa.

Kaliga beat Ka'ainoa, but Taylor Watanabe made him sit down. Cepeda fell to Chisato in a close

match when he came back to the table, leaving him in second place and one point behind. It was sweet revenge for Chisato who had a chance to end Cepeda's winning streak in his first time up but short-stroked an easy 8-ball in the side pocket.

Chisato also stopped Cepeda's Sunday tournament winning streak two weeks ago, winning in the first round and going on to take first place.

Noa O. Ka'ainoa, Leonard Sablan and Clifton Silil rounded out the field.

The entry fee was \$5 and 19th Hole added \$20 to make the pot bigger. First and second place winners split the pot and trophies went to first to fifth place winners. There was also a raffle for four buckets of beer.

Round-robin action continues Thursday through Sunday to earn points for the Nov. 23

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WSR took a 2-0 lead in the first half thanks to a pair of goals by Chloe Salvasa. Salvasa drilled her first goal in the fourth and five minutes later, she scored anew.

Kagman's Sweetalen Willy

found the back of the net in the ninth minute of the second half to move within one. Kagman tried to equalize, but committed a defensive lapse, giving WSR a free goal.

Meanwhile, two more games were played in the opening day of the NMIFA U12 league.

In the girls division, Koblerville Elementary School forced a 2-2 draw against Oleai Elementary School.

The Turtles took a 2-0 lead at halftime, but the Lady Umangs recovered and managed a stalemate after getting one goal each from Renita Fleming and Joeny Villagomez.

In the boys division Oleai led Koblerville midway in the second half off Bada Lee's twin goals, 2-0. The final results of the boys game were unavailable at press time.

The U12 league will resume on Monday with four games at the Hopwood pitch, starting at 3:30pm.

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to, but Devero and Berline were there to save the day for Fiesta. The duo combined for 20 points in the fourth period, helping Fiesta keep the lead and the win.

Kae Bernardo tried bringing Shirley's back in the game in the payoff canto, as he logged 13 points in that period. However, he failed to do so, as he lacked support from his teammates. Only Bernardo drilled more than one field goal for Shirley's in the fourth quarter. Errol Peredo and Wowie Abuel, who had already collected 18 and 12 points after the third quarter, was limited two one field goal apiece.

Peredo still top-scored for Shirley's with 24. He waxed hot early, firing 14 points and trading baskets with Esdrelon in

the first period to keep Shirley's float. However, Peredo went cold in the three quarters, leaving Bernardo the sole responsibility of leading Shirley's bid for the elusive first win.

DFS 83, Hyatt 80

In the first game of the night, Dan Barcinas reported back for duty and lifted DFS to a three-point win.

Barcinas, who did not play in DFS' 78-95 loss to Mobil last week, returned to the court and scored a game-high 24 points. He, Jack Lizama, and Won Joo Jung combined for 19 points in the fourth quarter, as DFS outgunned Hyatt, 24-15, to steal the win.

DFS was behind at the end of the third quarter, 59-65, when Barcinas and company launched a comeback and successfully

pulled off the close win. DFS improved to a 4-1 record for a share of second place with Mobil. Defending champion Pacific Islands Club/NVM leads the league with an unbeaten 4-0 slate, while Hyatt fell to seventh place with its 1-4 record.

Hyatt absorbed another loss despite controlling majority of the match. It took a 26-17 lead after the first period behind the eight-point production of Bernardo Aquino. Hyatt then made it a 10-point advantage at the break, 47-37, as DFS failed to make headway in the second canto and only traded baskets with its foes.

In the third quarter, Hyatt was still in the driver's seat, as only Jack Lizama converted multiple baskets for DFS. Lizama continued to hit his target in the fourth and this time he found an ally in

Barcinas and Jung to complete the come-from-behind win.

First Game

DFS Galleria 83 – Barcinas 24, Lizama 18, Guiab 14, Jung 8, Rivera 7, Ngirakelau 4, Johnson 4, Chavez 2, Rod 2.

Hyatt Regency Saipan 80 – Umali 17, Aquino 16, Devero 16, Alipio 10, Durant 8, Castro 8, Mateo 3, Ruelo 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-26, 37-47, 59-65, 83-80.

Second Game

Fiesta 106 – Esdrelon 35, Devero 27, Berline 18, Moises 11, Taliana 9, Jinang 4, Ong 2.

Shirley's 94 – Peredo 24, Bernardo 23, Abuel 14, De Dios 11, Barrios 7, Usi 7, Sedillo 3, Catungal 3, Drillon 3.

Scoring by quarters: 27-25, 49-48, 76-68, 106-94.

ally escorted his last two foes to the final round.

"We talked about that and I said Manny, if you get a jump on this guy in the first round, you can knock him out in one round," Roach said. "And he said 'you know Marquez is a smart guy and he might walk us into something,'"

"Let's be smarter and we'll take him out when he's ready to go," Roach quoted Pacquiao as saying.

"And I told him, 'we'll go that way but if you hurt him in the first round, don't let up on him all right?'" Roach said.

"And he smiled at me and said 'we won't have to this time,'" Roach said. "It won't be like his last two fights where he's going to take it easy on (his opponent)."

"I think he'll finish this one (off)."

Marianas Turkey Shoot. Fifteen maximum points are needed to earn entry to MTS competition. Entry fee is \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the tournament. Players can start paying their partial entry fees to Rose or Ken until Nov. 22. Frozen turkey, cash to the Top 3 finishers, and trophies for the Top 5 will be awarded.

For more information, call 788-5929 after 4 pm. (PR)

NMASA

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beating Guam in the finals, 8-4.

Venue and date for the 2011 NMASA Awards Banquet have yet to be decided, but it is usually held in February.

Last year, the list of top awardees include Yvonne Bennett, Rezne Wong, Christian Miller, Liamwar Rangamar, and Tony Rogolifo.

Bennette and Wong were named 2010 Athletes of the Year for their successful campaigns in the 2010 Micronesian Games, while Miller and Rangamar were selected 2010 Student Athletes of the Year for their strong showings in on and off-island competitions. Rogolifo was cited for helping the CNMI advance to the finals of the baseball competition in the 2010 Micro Games in Palau.

Also honored in the 2010 NMASA Awards Banquet was Tino Olopai, who was inducted to the CNMI Hall of Fame for his outstanding performance in basketball, volleyball, softball, and baseball in 1960s and 70s.

Election of the Class 2011 of the CNMI Hall of Fame will also take place in January. However, nominations should be submitted in December during the NMASA meeting.

Scoring by quarters: 6-4, 12-7, 16-13, 22-17.

Varsity Game

SSHS 44 – Duenas 25, R. Lizama 8, C. Lizama 7, Gelacio 6.

KHS 36–Halstead 11, Kaipat 6, Pialug 5, Dela Cruz 4, Rosa 4, Ada 2, Jetley 2, Pelep 2.

Scoring by quarters: 16-6, 24-16, 32-25, 44-36.

did a good job working down the lock and hitting timely baskets to foil the Lady Ayuyus' comeback bids.

Ann Halstead turned in 11 markers for Kagman.

In the junior varsity game, Southern also prevailed over Kagman, 22-17.

The Southern JV squad notched its third win in four matches and leads MHS (2-1)

by one win. Kagman is still winless in three tries.

Kagman battled Southern in a close match, but the Lady Rays were steady throughout the match.

Vanessa Bartolo paced Southern with four points in the first quarter, which ended with the Lady Rays on top, 6-4. Josie Santos then delivered four points in the second quarter as

the Lady Rays pulled ahead at the pause, 12-7.

At the start of the second half, Jowanda Rasa led Kagman's rally to trim the deficit to three, 13-16, heading into the last period. However, the Lady Ayuyus still failed to overhaul and lead in the fourth canto, as only Natasha Quitano scored for Kagman in the payoff period.

Santos and Bartolo combined

for 14 points for Southern, while Quitano led the field with 11.

Meanwhile, Southern's varsity team will face SIS in the lone game on Tuesday at 4:30pm.

Junior Varsity Game

SSHS 22 – Santos 8, V. Bartolo 6, C. Bartolo 2, Francisco 2, C. Lizama 2 Rekeiswag 2.

KHS 17– Quitano 11, Rasa 4, Castro 2.



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WSR strikers win boys U12 opener

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William S. Reyes Elementary School got off to a rousing start in the 2012 NMIFA Interscholastic U12 League after breezing past Kagman Elementary School, 4-0, last Thursday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.



WSR's Joaquin Saralu broke the ice with a quick goal in the fourth minute before Korey Leon fired home a second goal in the 18th minute of the first half.

Kagman tightened up its defense after the break, but the

Kingfishers managed a couple of late goals from Shakobe Rangamar and Saralu in the 16th and 19th minute, respectively, to complete their impressive debut win.

In the girls division, WSR also defeated Kagman, 3-1.

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Two William S. Reyes players battle a Kagman striker, second right, for the leather during the opening game in the 2012 NMIFA Interscholastic U12 League last Thursday at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

Fiesta stretches streak to three

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan is on a roll, notching its third straight win in the 3rd Annual Shirley's Coffee Shop Invitational Basketball League after thwarting Shirley's, 106-94, last Thursday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Fiesta climbed up to solo third place in the eight-squad field after spending the first

week of the Shirley's caging at the bottom of the team standings, following a 0-2 start.

The 1-2 punch of Fiesta—Elmer Esdreton and Ivan Devero—delivered another explosive games with the former sizzling for 35 points and the latter adding 27. Bruce Berline, who missed Fiesta's first three matches, made up for his absence, contributing 18 and filling up the void left on offense by Jawn Joyner.

With Shirley's failing to neutralize Esdreton and Devero, the host dropped to a 0-4 record.

Esdreton drilled 13 of his total

points in the third quarter, turning a slim 49-48 lead to a 76-68 cushion. He hit two triples in the third and earlier canned three treys in the first period, which ended in a tight race, 27-25, in favor of Fiesta.

Esdreton was then held to only a field goal in the final can-

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Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan's Elmer Esdreton, seen going for a layup during their game against Mobil in the Shirley's caging, scored 35 points in their 106-94 win over Shirley's last Thursday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

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The CNMI Baseball Team, seen here at the awards ceremony for the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia in September, is a shoe-in for NMASA's Team of the Year award.

NMASA adds three awards for annual banquet

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There will be three new awards categories in the annual Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association Awards Banquet.

NMASA will now recognize the Team of the Year, Technical

Official of the Year, and Administrator of the Year besides honoring the top male and female athletes, student athletes, and best coach for 2011. The new awards were approved during the NMASA board meeting early this month.

NMASA president Michael White is requesting various sports associations to prepare their nominations for all the cat-

egories for the 2011 NMASA Awards Banquet, as selection will be made in January next year.

For the Team of the Year, the Saipan Major Baseball League Association is expected to nominate the CNMI Baseball Team that won the gold medal in the 2011 Pacific Games in New Caledonia. The CNMI sluggers claimed the gold medal after

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Lady Rays sting Ayuyus

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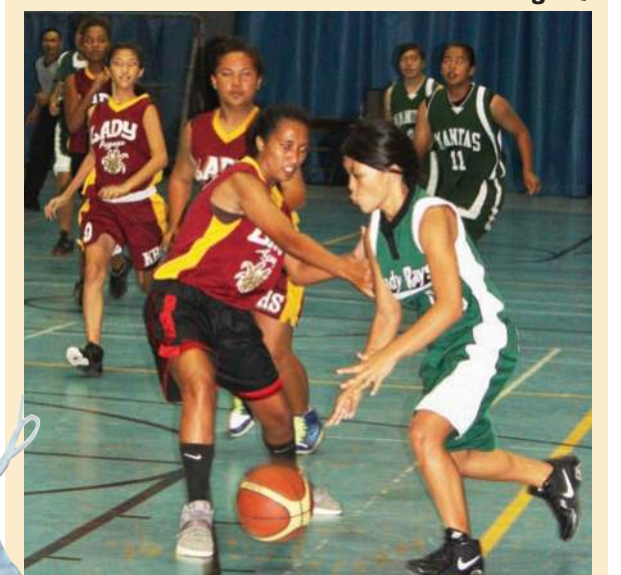
The Saipan Southern High School Lady Manta Rays defeated Kagman High School Lady Ayuyus, 44-36, in the varsity game in the 2011-2012 Marianas Interscholastic Sports Organization Girls Basketball League last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.

The Lady Rays improved to a 3-2 record and are seated at second place behind the unbeaten MHS Lady Dolphins (5-0). The Lady Ayuyus fell to a 1-3 slate and are tied with Saipan International School Geckos.

Roxanne Duenas led Southern's third victory with her 25 points. She went to work early, scoring 14 points in the opening 10 minutes to lift the Lady Rays to a 16-6 lead.

The Lady Ayuyus managed to pick up their scoring a bit in the second quarter and moved within eight at half-time, 24-16. Then in the third quarter, Kagman cut the

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Saipan Southern High School's Roxanne Duenas dribbles in a fastbreak play against Kagman High School during the MISO caging game last Thursday at the Marianas High School Gymnasium.